

*Monte Vista High School*

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*by Cody Timmins*

As the school year kicks back into session, many sports will start their seasons soon. Here we have a detailed list of all the games, home and away, for this season, so you don't have to miss a minute of the action.



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## Varsity Football Fall Schedule

September 6th, @Alamosa High School, 7:00 PM  
 September 13th, @Paonia High School, 7:00 PM  
 September 20th, Florence High School, 7:00 PM  
 September 27th, @Rocky Ford Jr/Sr HS, 7:00 PM  
 October 4th, Dolores Senior High School, 7:00 PM  
 October 11th, @Centauri High School, 7:00 PM  
 October 18th, @Ignacio High School, 7:00 PM  
 October 25th, Center High School, 7:00 PM  
 November 1st, Buena Vista High School, 7:00 PM

## Junior Varsity Fall Schedule

September 7th, Alamosa High School, 10:00 AM  
 September 21st, @Florence High School, 10:00 AM  
 October 21st, @Gunnison High School, 4:00 PM

## Varsity Volleyball Fall Schedule

August 24th, @Pagosa Springs High School, 9:00 AM  
 August 31st, @Ignacio Tri, 10:00 AM  
 September 5th, @Centauri High School, 4:00 PM  
 September 7th, Bayfield High School, 12:00 PM  
 September 13th, @Jefferson Academy Tournament, 4:00 PM  
 September 14th, @Jefferson Academy Tournament, 9:00 AM  
 September 21st, @Pagosa Triangular, 9:00 AM  
 September 24th, @Alamosa High School, 4:00 PM  
 September 28th, @Montezuma-Cortez HS, 11:00 AM  
 October 1st, Centauri High School, 4:00 PM  
 October 5th, @Center HS Triangular, 10:00 AM  
 October 12th, Monte Vista Tri, 9:00 AM  
 October 17th, @Olathe High School 6:00 PM  
 October 19th, Montezuma-Cortez HS, 11:00 AM  
 November 2nd, @Gunnison Tourn, 9:00 AM



## STRAIGHT OUTTA BOOT CAMP

by Cody Timmins

An interview with Reyes Nevarez, 2019 graduate of Monte Vista High School, and recently graduated from Marine Corps basic training.

Cody T: All right then. I'm here with Reyes Nevarrez, recently graduated from basic training. I wanted to ask, why did you decide to join the Marine Corps originally?

Reyes N: Everyone has their own reasons. A majority of the time it was either because of funding, they couldn't fund their own lives, or they were bored. Mine was because college did not sound appealing. It sounded boring, as a matter of fact. So, I wanted to do something that would actually be worthwhile, and it's a terrible time, but it's cool, I guess. It's worthwhile, is what I mean to say.

CT: And how was your boot camp experience?

RN: In retrospect, it's really funny, and it makes sense, all of it, all the pieces come together, and everything we ever did, had a purpose. Even when we were getting messed up, there was a purpose. But at the time, it was just horrible.





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CT: What lessons have you learned from your experience with the Marine Corps so far?

RN: Attention to detail is really, really important. There was this one instance that we had to put the ammo cans under the racks, and they would have to be facing a certain direction, and if they were not facing that direction, we would get the ammo cans and we would press them until our drill instructor told us to stop. Put them back under the rack, and if we didn't get them right again, we'd have to do it over and over again. We'd have to have the ammo can handles up, we'd have to have them all the way down, laying down, straight on the ammo can. If one person did not do that, then there it was. More ammo can presses. Another one was the excessive movement kills. We would do drills, and if we moved even a little bit, it was IT time. Our souls belonged to the drill instructors for the next ten minutes.

CT: Would you recommend the Marine Corps to any students graduating?

RN: Yes, I would recommend the Marine Corps, to students who are graduating this year, or any year after this. It's a learning experience. Like I said earlier, it's worthwhile, you aren't just wasting your time. You're actually there serving a purpose. It's all for the country. It's all for the freedom, for the American dream.

CT: Do you think that there should be a mandatory service requirement for all citizens, like there are in some other countries, like Israel for example?

RN: I don't believe so, honestly. What happened with 9/11, after that, people voluntarily enlisted, on their own. Nobody made them. They didn't have to be forced to enlist, and we met our numbers just as easily. I don't think we should, honestly. If you make people enlist, they're just going to be reluctant, they'll disobey. This is where you get your instances of like, treason, all that stuff. Because some people just don't, this lifestyle isn't for everybody. It really isn't and that's what you find out in boot camp. There's a thing called failure to adapt. People don't wake up in the morning, or people are slow, they move slow, they just can't adapt, so they get booted.

CT: As one final question, as a recent graduate of Monte Vista High School, what advice, if any, do you have for the other grades this year?

RN: Any advice I have to give, wake up early in the morning, force yourself into doing things that you do not want to do, things that you are uncomfortable with doing, simply because that is all of life. And if you do not do it now, you will have a rude awakening later on down the line.

CT: Alright, thank you very much Mr. Nevarrez.

RN: Tight, let's bounce



## Q&A WITH THE NEW PRINCIPAL

*by Cody Timmins*

An interview with Jose Ortega, the new principal of the Monte Vista Senior High School.

Cody Timmins: I'm here with Mr. Jose Ortega, the new principal of the Monte Vista High School. My first question is, what do you find exciting about being our new principal?

Jose Ortega: The kids. We have a great staff. It just seems like a great place to work so far, everything's been fantastic, and I think the Monte kids are great. We can do some really cool things this year.

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CT: Alright, what do you hope to change in the school for better student quality of life?

JO: Hoping to add some more concurrent enrollment and dual enrollment stuff so we can start looking at different programs for anything from psychology and sociology to woods or agriculture or anything like that.

CT: What do you think the strengths and weaknesses of our school are?

JO: I don't know. Right now I'm just kind of feeling things out, so I'm not making any judgments, I'm just kind of going with the flow and seeing where we're at.

CT: What's your professional history as far as teaching or administration at any other schools?

JO: I used to be a health teacher, I used to be a special education teacher, an English as a second language teacher, , a P.E. teacher, and I was a dean of students at Alamosa Elementary for five years before this.

CT: Are there any rules you would like to add to/remove from the student handbook as of right now?

JO: Right now I'm just kind of, as I said before, feeling things out, and seeing how it goes. There's nothing right now that, off the top of my head, that I can think of.

CT: Is there anything specific that you are excited to work on or accomplish the rest of this academic year?

JO: Yeah, I'm excited to be in classrooms and see kids learning. That's one of my big goals, is to have as many classroom observations as I can.

CT: Alright, that's all the questions I have. Thank you for your time.

JO: Thank you.



## GETTING READY FOR HOMECOMING 2019

*by Cody Timmins*

As school really kicks into full gear, the student body prepares for this year's Homecoming and Spirit Week events. Between the dance, the parade, and the games both on and off the football field, this Homecoming guarantees to be a good one. The theme for this year's Homecoming is Battle of the genres, encompassing different music genres, with the Freshmen having chosen Spanish music, the Sophomores as Rock music, the Juniors with Country music, and last but not least, the Seniors chose Hip-Hop/Rap. Our dress-up days for this year are as follows:

Monday: USA Day- dress up in red, white and blue for this day

Tuesday: Generation Day- 9th/10th: babies/toddlers, 11th/12th: senior citizens, Staff: teenagers

Wednesday: Battle of the Genres- Dress up as the genre your grade chose

Thursday: Pirate Pride- 9th: Gold/Yellow, 10th: Green, 11th: Black, 12th: ALL, Staff: White

On the next page, you will find a full detailed list of events on our flyer for the 2019 Homecoming!

# BATTLE OF THE GENRES

## SPIRIT WEEK

### MONDAY

USA DAY  
☆☆☆  
HALLWAY  
DECORATING

### TUESDAY

GENERATION DAY  
☆☆☆  
PEACH FUZZ  
☆☆☆  
HOME VOLLEYBALL  
GAME  
VS CENTAURI  
@4

### WEDNESDAY

GENRE DAY  
☆☆☆  
MINI OLYMPICS

### THURSDAY

COLOR WARS  
☆☆☆  
UNDERCLASSMEN  
CORONATION  
DURING POWDER  
PUFF  
@2:30

### FRIDAY

PARADE @4  
TAILGATE @5  
HOME FOOTBALL GAME  
VS CENTAURI @7  
KING & QUEEN  
CORONATION  
HALFTIME

### SATURDAY

HOMECOMING  
☆ DANCE ☆  
@8

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