

# MANHATTAN Virtual Academy



## Family Focus



### March (Warmer?) Madness

Enrollment for 2019-2020 is open! See more information on the next page.

Who else is ready for warmer weather and no more snow? We are halfway through the spring semester, and it is a good time to take stock and make sure your student is on track for success.

Don't forget to send your student's yearbook pictures! The 2019 MVA book is being created by students in the Yearbook Club, and will feature all classes and student activities for the 2019-20 school year.

Make sure you have information about upcoming activities by checking this publication each month. Students can also access the information in homerooms.

As always, if students have any questions or need help with assignments, tests or quizzes, MVA teachers are happy to assist. Send your teacher a text or email to set up a help session. **Another excellent way to communicate with teachers is during their office hours on Thursdays.**

Make sure to follow us on [FaceBook](#) and [Twitter](#). We love to keep in contact with our students and families!

### MVA Elective Feature

Our March Elective Class Feature is Basic Drawing. This class is taught by our Fine Arts teacher, Mrs. Schmidt.

In Basic Drawing, students experiment with different art materials and tools. They explore ordinary things around them to become more observant of the structures and meanings of things in their homes and communities, to see the forms, textures and patterns in the things they see every day.

Mrs. Schmidt often demonstrates on her tablet to show techniques, then the students give it a try. Other times she will put a picture on the whiteboard and students trace the drawing. She loves to teach drawing to our MVA students, regardless of their skill level. The drawing below was done by one of our MVA students. Consider giving Basic Drawing a try!



#### Calendar events:

- Homeroom with elective fair, March 5
- No School Mid Term Grades, March 8
- Spring Break, March 11-15
- Permanent Zero, March 17
- FAFSA Priority Deadline, April 1
- State Assessments, April 1-5
- ACT Makeup, April 2
- Academic Outing at McCain, April 11
- ACT Test, April 13
- Permanent Zero, April 28
- ACT Registration for June 8 test, May 2
- AP Exams, May 6 - 17
- Permanent Zero, May 12
- Finals, May 6-10
- Graduation, May 18



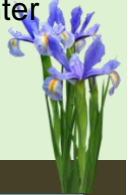
## MVA Elective - Basic Drawing



## MVA Academic Outing - April 11, 9:00 am

**Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure** is an immersive experience that invites you to jump in and explore unknown ocean depths where prehistoric marine reptiles lived eons ago - and maybe live still today! After, we will visit the College of Education Catalyst, then have lunch at Kramer Food Center and tour Wefald Residence Hall.

Look for other Academic Outings during the semester!



## Enrollment Now Open!

Manhattan Virtual Academy enrollment opens March 4 for the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage you to enroll now to reserve your spot and make it easy for your student to choose classes. We will again be using USD 383's Online Registration tool which means you will be able to register and enroll your MVA students directly from your computer via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

If you have other students in USD 383 please wait for district wide online enrollment on July 15 and enroll all your students at the same time (requested by the district because of system constraints). To save your spot, please contact our office by email or phone to pre-enroll your MVA student.

Online enrollment is a three-step process:

1. Complete the Online Registration (OLR)
2. Pay materials fee online in the Infinite Campus portal
3. Complete course selection

The following steps will guide you through the enrollment process:

### 1. COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION (OLR):

- Click on this link: <https://pportal.usd383.org/OLR/mva-returning.php>
- Sign in with your username and password. If you don't remember your username, contact the MVA office.
- If you don't know or forgot your password, you can reset it here: <https://pportal.usd383.org/PasswordReset/forgotp.php>
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and on the left side is the link to MVA online registration.

### 2. PAY MATERIALS FEE

Once your registration has been processed you will receive an email with directions for paying materials fee online (credit card or eCheck).

### 3. COMPLETE COURSE SELECTION

Upon completion of the Online Registration and fee payment, you and your student will be ready to select courses for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Your student will receive an email with a link to her/his personal Google Folder including her/his iPlan (Individual Plan of Study) folder and further directions for course selection.

If you need any assistance with your account or with online registration (OLR), please contact Ronna in the MVA office.



## MVA Club News

Join the fun this month! Here are the dates and times for club meetings this month.

**Astronomy Club -**

**Drawing Club -**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**

**Inspiration Club -**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**

**Pinterest Club -**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00**

**Yearbook Club -**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**



## Graduation Countdown!

March 15: Submit Senior Survey Responses, online

March 15: Volunteer to serve on parent committee to plan and provide table decorations for reception following Graduation, meeting online

April 1: RSVP for Graduation

May 18: Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Graduation Ceremony



# Student Shout Outs

# American & Jr. American Rodeo



Marlee Quarles (left), JD Robson (center), Reed Brazeal (right)



Caxton Martin

Cashen Turner (left), Cooper Slavin (center)



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RFD-TV's The American rodeo is an annual event at the Dallas Cowboys' Stadium in Arlington, TX. Now "the world's richest weekend in Western Sports," the rodeo will pay out \$2.35 million through a series of qualifiers, The Semi-Finals, and the finals. It unites the top athletes in the world from the PRCA and pits them against underdogs who advance from The American Semi-Finals, together to battle for the top prize. We are excited to cheer for our MVA students and graduates who are competing in this year's American and Junior American rodeo! (not all MVA students who qualified or are competing are pictured)

MVA Graduate Cooper Martin

Ava Mills with friend Saige Pemberton



## 10 Ways to Prepare your Teens for College and Work

**State Assessment sign-up coming the first week of March. Look for the email from [mvaschooloffice@gmail.com](mailto:mvaschooloffice@gmail.com).**

#7 - Working on activities that are challenging but intrinsically rewarding will help teens build initiative. When your teen shows interest in a hobby, like woodworking, scrapbooking, or painting, invite him/her to help you with a large project featuring that hobby. Make sure that it will take several weeks to complete, and ask your teen to help with the planning. Once your teen understands what needs to be done, turn him/her loose to complete tasks. Your teen will learn to take initiative by making choices about activities and taking actions, and s/he will also learn to persevere.