



SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to welcome you and your students to Santa Cruz High School for the 2021-2022 school year. We are expecting to open in full, with all students on campus for the full five days per week. In other words, back to “normal school.” And yet, it won’t be a complete return to business as usual. We all experienced a rough Spring 2020 semester and full school year 2020-2021. In adapting to pandemic education, teachers changed their instructional techniques and our support staff created interventions and systems that we will continue to use in the “new normal.”

An important tool for us will be a change to our bell schedule. New legislation requires that we start school at 8:30 AM (it used to be 8:00 AM). We took the opportunity to build a new bell schedule that reallocates our instructional minutes so that each class will have a weekly 40-minute advisory period called Cardinal Connect. This will create a dedicated opportunity for teachers and support staff to meet individual needs of students. Please reach out to us if you feel your student needs additional support.

I am excited and optimistic about what 2021-2022 holds for our community as we return to the Santa Cruz High School campus next year.

Enjoy your remaining summer days and we can’t wait to see your students on August 11th.

Warmly,

Michelle Poirier

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Principal