

Bannon Creek School
2775 Millcreek Drive Sacramento, CA 95833



July 2020

Dear Bannon Creek Families,

We are excited to welcome you back to the 2020-21 school year at Bannon Creek School! We know we are in different and sometimes difficult times, but the safety and continued learning of our students is our priority. Our teachers and staff have been busy planning for a successful school year for our students. We are privileged to have the opportunity to serve Bannon Creek School and honored to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and all of our supportive families. Our BCS team looks forward to partnering with you.

As we begin to think about how this school year will be different for all of us, we want you to know that we are dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming environment that continues to have enriching opportunities for your child to soar academically during distance learning. Distance learning will be different from how it was delivered in the spring. Teachers will be providing no less than 3 hours of interactive, real-time instruction virtually to TK-6th grade students daily. Students will also have time to work independently on their assignments and they will also have time dedicated to social emotional learning and school connectedness activities. Our middle school will continue to have a 6-period day, and scholars are expected to attend all of their classes each day based on their assigned schedule which they will receive prior to the start of school. Middle school scholars will have a modified day that is on a rotated schedule in order to maximize instructional time for all classes. All teachers will also have daily office hours to allow students and parents to reach them virtually for added support. Please refer to our [distance learning schedule document](#), which outlines the components of your students' day and some example schedules.

Our Bannon Creek School staff is committed to providing a focused curriculum that is both engaging and challenging in order to ensure that our students graduate college and career ready, productive, responsible and engaged global citizens. Bannon Creek continues to implement Restorative Practices and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). Our school focuses on the development and implementation of proactive procedures and practices to improve school climate. We look also forward to continuing moving towards inquiry-based instruction as part of our work as a candidate site developing an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme.

To ensure that our students have what they need to engage in distance learning successfully, we are hosting textbook and technology distribution days. These will be very similar to our drive-up technology distribution days last spring. Please drive up to the front of the school, and we will check out your student(s) materials to you while in your car. The schedule is:

Textbook/Technology Distribution Dates:

- **August 6th, August 20th, August 21st, August 25th & August 26th:** 8am-12am
- **August 13th & August 24th:** 8am-12am; 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **August 27th and beyond** individual pick up times will be arranged with families through the site
 - **Please note that AM pick up times will be alphabetically arranged by last name:**
 - **8:00-9:00 A-F; 9:00-10:00 G-M; 10:00-11:00 N-S; 11:00-12:00 T-Z**

Important Dates and Times:

- **Elementary teacher assignments will be shared with families no later than August 21.**
- **Middle School Schedules will be available in Infinite Campus no later than August 21.**
- **First day of school:** Thursday, August 27th.
- **School starts daily for all grades at 7:45 am**

If you have any questions about our school, please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 567-5600 or visit our website <https://natomasunified.org/bcs/>. You can also email the virtual office at BCSvirtual@natomasunified.org

Thank you,
Suzen K. Holtemann, Interim Principal