



NATOMAS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings Natomas Middle School Families,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to another school year! I want to especially welcome our incoming 6th graders to the Mighty Panther Nation! I am excited to meet each of you and get to know you during the school year.

We will begin the 2020-21 school year with distance learning. I am optimistic about the new skills we learned as educators from the school moving to distance learning last spring and how we will now use those skills to advance our students' learning going forward. Distance learning will not look the same as it did in the spring. Among the improvements are that students will have a set schedule. Students will be expected to attend classes for live instruction daily. Teachers will teach live lessons using various digital strategies and software to engage students. Teachers will assign grades based on work assigned and completed.

Attached to the end of this communication is a copy of the daily schedule. School will continue to begin at 8:30am daily, however, the end of the day will vary, ending at 2:50 pm one day and 1:40 pm the next. Just like last year, students will attend a seven-period daily schedule. The difference is that classes will alternate between 50 minute classes and 25 minutes classes (four 50-minute classes and three 25-minute classes one day, three 50 minute classes and four 25 minute classes the next). To help facilitate the schedule, we will rotate between a "gold" and "blue" schedule to ensure equal access to classes (see schedule below). **The schedule, along with daily notice of "Blue" or "Gold" day will be on our website as well.** Students will have 5-minute passing periods between classes and a 35-minute lunch period daily. In addition, teachers will be available for additional support to students during 60 minutes of office hours at the end each school day.

Textbooks, Chromebooks, and Hotspots will be distributed at Natomas Middle School beginning the week of August 10-14, 2020. Scheduled times in the AM are by ALPHA. The PM times are not by ALPHA schedule. We understand that some parents cannot take time away from work. To accommodate those parents, we have evening distribution hours on August 13th and August 24.

AM Times by Alpha, 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

“Living The Panther Way”

Distribution dates:

- Thursday, August 13th 8am-12pm, 5:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, August 20th 8am-12pm
- Friday, August 21st 8am-12pm
- Monday, August 24th 8am-12pm and 5:30-7:30pm
- Tuesday, August 25th 8am-12pm
- Wednesday, August 26th 8am-12pm
- Thursday, August 27th and beyond, individual pick up times will be arranged with families.

At Natomas Middle School, we follow what we call “The Panther Way”. Living the Panther Way means to Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be a Problem Solver. Last year as we moved to distance learning, our scholars stepped up and were Living the Panther Way in regards to being responsible about their academics and problem solving how to make distance learning work for them. We are sure that experience will help them grow academically this year.

Our goal is to make Natomas Middle School a great school for all students. In order for this to happen, we need your help and support. We want and need the support of parents/guardians. For your child to be most successful in school there needs to be a strong partnership between students, teachers, and parents. Please stay current on our weekly announcements and look for opportunities to participate in events. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you this school year as we continue to take strides to make NMS a great school!

In the spirit of service,

Principal Baker

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NMS Daily Schedule

Gold Week

Per.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8:30-9:20 (50min)	8:30-8:55 (25min)	8:30-9:20 (50min)	8:30-8:55 (25min)	8:30-9:20 (50min)
Passing Period (5min)	9:20-9:25	8:55-9:00	9:20-9:25	8:55-9:00	9:20-9:25
2	9:25-9:50 (25min)	9:00-9:50 (50min)	9:25-9:50 (25min)	9:00-9:50 (50min)	9:25-9:50 (25min)
Passing Period (5min)	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55
3	9:55-10:45 (50min)	9:55-10:20 (25min)	9:55-10:45 (50min)	9:55-10:20 (25min)	9:55-10:45 (50min)
Passing Period (5min)	10:45-10:50	10:20-10:25	10:45-10:50	10:20-10:25	10:45-10:50
4	10:50-11:15) (25min)	10:25-11:15 (50min)	10:50-11:15) (25min)	10:25-11:15 (50min)	10:50-11:15) (25min)
L	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)
5	11:50-12:40 (50min)	11:50-12:15 (25min)	11:50-12:40 (50min)	11:50-12:15 (25min)	11:50-12:40 (50min)
Passing Period (5min)	12:40-12:45	12:15-12:20	12:40-12:45	12:15-12:20	12:40-12:45
6	12:45-1:10 (25min)	12:20-1:10 (50min)	12:45-1:10 (25min)	12:20-1:10 (50min)	12:45-1:10 (25min)
Passing Period (5min)	1:10-1:15	1:10-1:15	1:10-1:15	1:10-1:15	1:10-1:15
7	1:15-2:05 (50min)	1:15-1:40 (25min)	1:15-2:05 (50min)	1:15-1:40 (25min)	1:15-2:05 (50min)
Teacher Office Hours	2:05-3:05 (60min)	1:40-2:40 (60min)	2:05-3:05 (60min)	1:40-2:40 (60min)	2:05-3:05 (60min)
DL Prep	3:05-3:25 (20min)	2:40-3:25 (45min)	3:05-3:25 (20min)	2:40-3:25 (45min)	3:05-3:25 (20min)

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Blue Week

Per.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8:30-8:55 (25min)	8:30-9:20 (50min)	8:30-8:55 (25min)	8:30-9:20 (50min)	8:30-8:55 (25min)
Passing Period (5min)	8:55-9:00	9:20-9:25	8:55-9:00	9:20-9:25	8:55-9:00
2	9:00-9:50 (50min)	9:25-9:50 (25min)	9:00-9:50 (50min)	9:25-9:50 (25min)	9:00-9:50 (50min)
Passing Period (5min)	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55
3	9:55-10:20 (25min)	9:55-10:45 (50min)	9:55-10:20 (25min)	9:55-10:45 (50min)	9:55-10:20 (25min)
Passing Period (5min)	10:20-10:25	10:45-10:50	10:20-10:25	10:45-10:50	10:20-10:25
4	10:25-11:15 (50min)	10:50-11:15) (25min)	10:25-11:15 (50min)	10:50-11:15) (25min)	10:25-11:15 (50min)
L	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)	11:15-11:50 (35min)
5	11:50-12:15 (25min)	11:50-12:40 (50min)	11:50-12:15 (25min)	11:50-12:40 (50min)	11:50-12:15 (25min)
Passing Period (5min)	12:15-12:20	12:40-12:45	12:15-12:20	12:40-12:45	12:15-12:20
6	12:20-1:10 (50min)	12:45-1:10 (25min)	12:20-1:10 (50min)	12:45-1:10 (25min)	12:20-1:10 (50min)
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