



**Natomas High School**

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Dear Nighthawk Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! As we enter this school year, I want to express to you that my deepest desire is to ensure that each of you has a very successful school year. I am honored and feel privileged to be your principal again this school year. For all students returning to Natomas High School, welcome back! For those new to Natomas High School, I welcome you into the Nighthawk family and assure you that we will do our best to help take you to the next level in your education. We are eager to engage ALL our students in learning and achievement to help them SOAR... It's the Nighthawk Way!

This will be my second year of serving as principal at Natomas High, following 4 years at Natomas Middle. I love the community we serve! Last year, we set some records at NHS that we are proud of. We had the highest number of NHS seniors in one class admitted into Sac State. (98) and UC Davis (17). This is an awesome accomplishment considering these students started high school in a pandemic. That shows the resilience of our community to respond to tough circumstances.

The relationship our staff has with the students and families is of utmost importance at NHS. A strong partnership between students, parents/guardians, and teachers will help each of our students reach their full potential. We look to continue to strengthen those relationships this year. We will continue our focus on literacy through writing. We will also focus on academic rigor to ensure our students are prepared for success at the college level. In line with this goal, we are implementing two new classes this year; AP African American Studies and AP Precalculus.

As many of you have seen as you drive by the school, we have some field improvements happening. Our soccer fields are being replaced and we are adding additional seating around the fields and a restroom. We also are getting two new baseball fields and two softball fields, each with a new scoreboard. In our football stadium we are installing a new digital scoreboard with a sound system.

To roll out the Burgundy carpets for all of our Nighthawks and prepare for the school year, **Priority Fall Check-In** events will be held on the times listed below with focus times scheduled by student last name:

<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>	<b>4pm - 7pm</b>	<b>Last names beginning with A-G</b>
<b>Thursday, August 3</b>	<b>4pm - 7pm</b>	<b>Last names beginning with H-M</b>
<b>Friday August 4</b>	<b>4pm - 7pm</b>	<b>Last names beginning with N-Z</b>

During this time, students and families will receive their course lists, check out textbooks, submit documents, and gather information to get connected through Natomas High School events and activities. All documents and directions will be available on our website and can be completed by parents/guardians at home for students to bring to Check-In.

We are very excited to have our students attend the following programs focused on building connections and belonging on campus for our Nighthawks as they prepare to SOAR into the new school year:

**Link Crew for 9th Grade Students 8:30am - 11:30am August 4**

On **August 10th**, we will be launching the school year in person. **The school day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:29 pm.** To help facilitate collaboration between school staff, school starts late every Wednesday at 9:30 am.

At Natomas High, we are a Comprehensive, AP Capstone School with an array of Advanced Placement Courses and CTE Pathways in Engineering, Health, Digital Media, Automotive, Music Production, and Building & Construction Trades. We use these along with a focus upon students advancing through our world language classes to achieve the California Seal of Biliteracy, and inclusive practices, along with our traditional programs in athletics, art, music, and student activities, to support our Nighthawks to become prepared to make decisions about their college and career success. We are excited to continue our many traditions, support student achievement, maintain a school culture of acceptance of backgrounds and abilities, and together celebrate our diversity.

Parent/guardian involvement is welcomed, whether through the meetings of our various parent organizations or by simply sharing an active interest in the education of your student at home, and we hope you find it thrilling to be a part of the Natomas High School community.

#### Other Dates to Know

- **July 28, 2023** - As the principal of Natomas High School, I want to take an opportunity to meet with the families of Natomas High School prior to the start of the school year. On July 28, 2023 I will host a family meet and greet to share a little about Natomas High School and the vision for the school. The event will begin at 6pm in the NHS Theater, no RSVP is required.
- **August 1, 2023** - Our office opens for the new school year on August 1, 2022 at 1:00 pm. If you need support prior to August 1, 2023, please feel free to contact NUSD Constituent and Customer Service or refer to the NHS Digital Backpack (located on the NUSD website) for resources and information.
- **September 19, 2023** - Back to School Night will be held on September 19, 2023 from 6:30-8:00pm.

#### **Parent Square:**

We are excited to share that beginning Fall 2023, all Natomas Unified schools will begin using Parent Square as the single communication platform to communicate with families. Currently, communication tools vary from school to school and teacher to teacher, making it difficult for families to keep track. Parent Square will help to streamline communication as all messages will appear in a single place within the Parent Square platform, regardless of the school or teacher. To learn more about ParentSquare, check out this [video](#).

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance at school plays an important role in a student's academic journey and can benefit them in many ways both inside and outside the classroom. The most important reasons why attendance is important is that it provides students with regular opportunities to actively engage in the learning process. By being present, students maximize their learning potential. Attending school regularly also

establishes a positive habit that lays the foundation for a successful future. It helps build a mindset of dedication, perseverance, and responsibility. Please talk to your student regularly about the importance of maintaining good attendance at school.

**Immunizations:**

Please remember that regular childhood immunizations are required by the State of California unless your child has a medical exemption. If your child does not have current immunizations, NUSD offers free immunizations. Please click on the [link](#) to view appointment times.

[Enrollment Night Flyer](#)

If you have any questions about our school, programs, or expectations, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit our website at [www.natomasunified.org/nhs](http://www.natomasunified.org/nhs) or call 916-641-4060. Our office is open for summer hours each weekday from 8:00am to 3:00pm, closed the week of July 3-7. Beginning Tuesday, August 2, our office will be open from 8:00am to 4:00pm daily and can be contacted by calling 916-641-4960. Again, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! It's a great day to be a Nighthawk!

Sincerely,

Marcel Baker

Principal

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Regular Day Schedule				Late Start Wednesday			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
1st	8:30	9:29	59	1st	9:30	10:19	49
Passing	9:29	9:34	5	Passing	10:19	10:24	5
2nd	9:34	10:38	64	2nd	10:24	11:18	54
Passing	10:38	10:43	5	Passing	11:18	11:23	5
3rd	10:43	11:42	59	3rd	11:23	12:12	49
Passing	11:42	12:17	35	Passing	12:12	12:47	35
4th	12:17	12:22	5	4th	12:47	12:52	5
Lunch	12:22	1:21	59	Lunch	12:52	1:41	59
Passing	1:21	1:26	5	Passing	1:41	1:46	5
5th	1:26	2:25	59	5th	1:46	2:35	49
Passing	2:25	2:30	5	Passing	2:35	2:40	5
6th	2:30	3:29	59	6th	2:40	3:29	49