

September 29, 2017

Dear St. HOPE and Sac High Families,

By now most of you are aware of the tragic news of the passing of Tamir Williams, a former St. HOPE student. It has been a tough week for our students, families and staff as we mourn the loss of Tamir.

During this time of grievance our highest priorities continue to be focused on the support and safety of our students. On Wednesday, we proactively reached out to several groups in the community to come help provide assistance to our students. More than fifty members of the community joined alongside our staff to help our students process the tragedy. Additionally, we made sure the Sacramento Police Department had officers on campus throughout to ensure school safety.

Emotions did run high at parts of the day as rumors and misinformation, primarily on social media, compounded the situation, spreading throughout campus rapidly. One rumor in particular was that shooting had taken place on campus. This is false. The Sacramento Police Department informed our staff that a call had been made to say that shots had been fired on campus. As a proactive measure, all of our respective schools went on lockdown, after which the police investigated and determined the call to be unsubstantiated. The lockdown was lifted in less than ten minutes.

Despite all of this, there were no major fights, weapons, or injuries on campus throughout the day or during dismissal. Yesterday, we continued to have volunteers from the community join us in supporting our students and we had a smooth day on campus as we prepare for midterms.

We will continue to keep families as informed as possible in the coming weeks. We hope that during this time of tragedy and loss that we can continue to support one another as a St. HOPE community.

OPTIONAL PARENT MEETING

I will host an open space to discuss the events of this week and any other concerns from 6:00-7:00 PM next Wednesday, October 4, 2017 in the Sac High Library.

MIDTERMS NEXT WEEK

Midterm benchmarks will proceed next week for all students. Please note the adjustment to Tuesday's schedule, which was made when we shifted our bell schedule at the start of September.

Monday 10/2 <i>Advisory Schedule</i>	Tuesday 10/3	Wednesday 10/3
1st Period: 7:55 - 9:10	1st Period: 7:55 - 9:25*	4th Period: 7:55 - 9:25*
Advisory: 9:15 - 9:40	2nd Period: 9:35 - 11:05*	5th Period: 9:35 - 11:05*
2nd Period: 9:45 - 11:00	Lunch: 11:05 - 11:40	
Lunch: 11:00 - 11:35	3rd Period: 11:45 - 1:15*	
3rd Period: 11:40 - 12:55	4th Period: 1:20 - 2:25	
4th Period: 1:00 - 2:15	5th Period: 2:30 - 3:35	
5th Period: 2:20 - 3:35		

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With HOPE,



Shannon Wheatley
Principal, Sac High