



PS7 Elementary School
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Dear PS7 Elementary Parents, Guardians and Scholars,

I want to start off by thanking everyone who has participated in one of our grade level orientations! It is so important to us that we have opportunities to connect with our scholars and families and that you are well informed about our plans for this upcoming school year. As always, we view the connection between school and home as a partnership and know that we could not be successful without the support of all of our families. As a final layer of communication, I wanted to share the final details for Quarter 1 as we prepare to virtually welcome our scholars into their classes next week on Wednesday, August 5th!

We understand and empathize with our scholars and families about what a challenging time this is to start a new school year in such a different way than ever before. I want to assure you that regardless of whether our physical school buildings are buzzing with scholars in classrooms, in the lunchroom and walking through our hallways, we are fully committed to our vision of excellence and our mission of preparing scholars to go to and through college. We are proud of the work our team did to put together such a comprehensive distance learning program with very little notice last March. We appreciate all of the input we received from you and all of our stakeholders and we are excited to share with you an even stronger approach to virtually teaching and learning.

As previously shared, we will be opening our school year with a Distance Learning model. This decision is rooted in prioritizing the health and wellness of our entire St. HOPE community. In addition, on Wednesday, July 15th the Sacramento County Health Department provided updated guidance stating that schools in Sacramento County should open with a Distance Learning model for August and September. Following that, on Friday, July 17th, Governor Newsom issued updated mandates stating that schools that reside within counties on the state watchlist must start the school year with Distance Learning. Governor Newsom stated that a county must be off the state watchlist for 14 consecutive days before schools in the county can physically reopen. As a result, we are kicking off the new school year by teaching and learning in a virtual environment for all of Quarter 1 which lasts from Wednesday, August 5th to Wednesday, September 30th. We will keep you updated on plans for Quarter 2 as it gets closer.

Our Distance Learning program will mirror the physical learning environment as much as possible. Scholars will follow a structured bell schedule and participate in all of their classes each day just as if they were on campus. The live instruction and live office hours will support us in maintaining the highest expectations for learning, allow for consistent peer interaction and enable teachers and staff to deliver the optimal level of support. As always, we will make adjustments if we uncover something that is not working as well as it could. We look forward to continued collaboration and appreciate the hard work of our staff as we do so.



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Please see below for our daily schedule:

Regular Schedule	
Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday	
Period	Time
9:00-10:00am	Class 1
10:15-11:15 am	Class 2
11:30-12:30 pm	Class 3
12:30-1:10 pm	Lunch
1:10-2:10 pm	Class 4
2:25-3:25 pm	Class 5
3:30 -4:00 pm	Office Hours/Tutoring

Early Release Schedule	
Wednesday	
Period	Time
9:00-9:50 am	Class 1
10:00-10:50 am	Class 2
11:00-11:50 am	Class 3
11:50-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30-1:20 pm	Class 4
1:30-2:20 pm	Class 5

Lastly, please ensure that you are checking Class Dojo for your new invite, as well as information regarding your scholars grade level activities. Teachers will be reaching out in order to provide you and your scholar(s) with materials, tutorials, live Zoom support, and much more! We are committed to ensuring we have the strongest start possible, and that we set our scholars up for success.

We cannot wait to 'see' your scholars on August 5th, and are so excited to embark on this new journey for the 20-21 school year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us!

Best,
Elisha Ferguson Parsons
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