



JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear John F. Kennedy Families:

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! The faculty, staff, and I are honored by the trust you have placed in us, and we look forward to supporting your student's academic and social growth. As we look toward a new school year together, I want to take time to thank teachers and families for their commitment to providing students with opportunities to both earn credits and participate in enrichment opportunities during the recent summer school session. With nearly 500 in attendance, I am certain that the positive impact will be felt across the campus come this fall.

We are also looking forward to a more normal start of the school year with all students back on campus beginning September 2. Of course, there will continue to be additional layers of safety and COVID mitigation measures to ensure a safe in-person learning environment:

- Masks: all students, faculty, and staff will wear masks indoors (and outdoors under some circumstances). Students may bring their own or request a mask from any staff member.
- One-way traffic will be maintained inside buildings in high-traffic areas.
- Hallway lockers will not be in use. This will facilitate social distancing and movement.
- The two-period lunch schedule will remain. Not only does it promote social distancing, but many more students are able to receive school lunch.
- Hand hygiene stations will be positioned and maintained across the campus.
- Water fountains will be disabled, but water bottle filling stations shall be available.
- The number of visitors to campus will be limited.
- High touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- COVID testing will continue for any student or staff member who desires it.

As local health conditions change and the District updates health and safety expectations, I will inform the school community.

The Option of Independent Study

For any family who prefers schooling at home, the District has issued information about an independent study option. To learn more, click [here](#).

Communication

You can expect consistent communication from me, but I encourage you to utilize the school's social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)). In addition, the Kennedy website ([here](#)) is well maintained. Although I will continue to send out bulletins via the Infinite Campus Messenger, day-to-day messaging will occur on social media. You are encouraged to follow!

Orientation

We are excited to welcome back students for the 2021-22 school year during upcoming orientation events. This year, a limited in-person orientation will occur August 26- 27 per the following schedule:

- Sophomores: August 26; 9 a.m.-12 noon
- Freshmen: August 27; 9 a.m.-12 noon

Orientation is optional. Given concerns regarding the COVID Delta variant, the District has asked that school sites limit activity on campus. Accordingly, parents and families are asked not to attend orientation with their student(s). Instead, over the next couple of weeks, the staff and I will share a variety of virtual opportunities for parents, guardians, and families to receive information and connect with administrators, counselors, coaches, and pathway leaders.

Class schedules will be emailed to all students (@scusd.edu) during the week of August 23.

LCFF Survey

Like last year (and the year before that), the District LCFF survey is used to determine school site funding. Although I know that it is sometimes easy to conclude that one voice won't matter, I can assure you otherwise. This year, Kennedy received \$300,000 based on results from last year's survey. It absolutely matters. Click [here](#) for more information and to take the survey.

Calendar and Bell Schedule

The first day of school is September 2. Click [here](#) for the complete 2021-22 academic calendar. The school's bell schedule is available [here](#).

In Closing

As always, we are here to help in any way we can. Your student's success is our priority. Contact us at (916) 395-5090, or email me at David-VanNatten@scusd.edu.

Sincerely yours,



David Van Natten