

July 30, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Don Pedro High School. I am so excited to be welcoming our new students to the DPHS family and am looking forward to greeting our returning students. The end of last year and beginning of this year have presented new challenges as we have worked on navigating ways to provide a quality education for all of our students amid maintaining safety for all during Distance Learning.

We will be welcoming two new teachers this year who are coming on board with new and innovative course offerings. Mrs. Stegall is joining our Agriculture Program, she comes with a wealth of knowledge and background in this area. The courses she will be teaching are Ag Math, Animal Science, and Ag Mechanics. Mr. Dutton will be joining us as well. He is a veteran educator and comes to us with a great background in Math and Physical Education. The courses he will be teaching are Math 1, Math 2, Consumer Math, PE, Robotics, and Game Concepts/ESports. He will also be coordinating students who continue on long term Independent Study as we transition into a hybrid model. We are excited to add their expertise to our already amazing teaching staff.

We wish Mr. Griffith well full time at Tioga High School.

The staff has worked together to make sure students, families and the community will thrive and be a part of something bigger. They have attended professional development, taking courses to continue their education to meet the new instructional guidelines and norms, needed for distance learning. In addition, they have completed safety training, and collaborated together to make sure they are ready to meet the needs of our students. We know this current situation will pass and we are looking to the future.

Our 2020-21 school year will begin August 19, 2020. All students will log into a Google Meet with Mrs. Lamm to review norms and expectations for the beginning of this school year. Please be sure to check your school email for the link closer to that date. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. School will go back to the way it always has been as far as expectations of going to class, meeting with teachers, doing assignments and learning. We will start with distance learning and move to the hybrid model when it is safe to do so. We want you to know, school will start as usual and we are ready to do everything we can for our students! There is more information to come on what distance learning will look like this year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through all of this.

- Please visit our district website to fill out a survey to help us understand what your family will need to start the school year.  
<https://www.bofg.org/schools/don-pedro/>
- Registration will be August 10-14, 2020. Due to the current situation, appointments are required. Please email Mrs. Lamm at [nlamm@bofg.org](mailto:nlamm@bofg.org) to make your appointment.
- I also encourage those of you planning on enrolling in college courses to do so soon as classes are starting to fill. Please contact Mrs. Lamm to get that started.

Enjoy these last days of summer.

Sincerely,

Nickie Lamm

Principal