



PALO ALTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Viking Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer. **Monday, August 14th** marks the start of another exciting year of learning.

While we are eager to see our returning students, we especially want to warmly welcome our newest Vikings to our Paly family, the class of 2021! We look forward to celebrating their arrival during **New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 10th, from 4:00-7:00 pm in the quad**. For all of our new students and new families, we expect that Paly will become a second home as you settle in and take advantage of everything our extraordinary school has to offer. It's great to be a Viking!

As a parent, I know it can sometimes feel difficult to stay abreast of all the events and happenings during the busy school year. Even with young children, my husband and I are always challenged in this area. Therefore, here are additional tips for how you can keep up to date on "all things Paly" and your student's high school experience:

- Sign-up for the Paly Link at tinyurl.com/palylinksignup. This is our weekly PTSA sponsored e-newsletter that is published on Sunday mornings and has everything you need to know for the upcoming week or month. Thank you PTSA!
- Follow us on Twitter (@PalyVikings) for "real-time" updates.
- Set-up access to *Schoology* (our learning management system). Instructions for accessing *Schoology* can be found at www.Paly.net (look for "Parents - setting up your access to Schoology").
- Tune in to our *InFocus* daily student broadcast, which is played at the end of 3rd or 4th period and streamed live on the web at www.infocusnews.tv. If you are unable to tune in live, please know episodes are archived on the *InFocus* website.
- Book mark and check daily *The Paly Voice* website (<http://palyvoice.com/#>) and then read our award winning student publications (*Campanile*, *C-Mag*, *Verde*, *Viking Magazine*) when they arrive in your home.

Finally, we appreciate the tremendous generosity and ongoing support that you provide our entire community of learners. For those who donate to *Partners in Education (PiE)* or our foundation, *Rise Together Education*, belong to our PTSA, volunteer their time at events around campus and/or contribute to one of our many booster organizations or programs... a heartfelt THANK YOU. Your contributions make it possible for us to continue providing a high-quality education **to each and every student**.

Again, we welcome you to the new school year and wish you and your Vikings(s) a great year ahead. Until then, rest up and enjoy the remaining days of summer. We can't wait to reconnect in a few short weeks. Go Vikings!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Diorio".