



Natomas High School

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Dear Nighthawk Families,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! As we enter this school year, my deepest desire is to ensure that each of you has a very successful school year. I am honored and feel privileged to be your principal again this school year. For all students returning to Natomas High School, welcome back! For those new to Natomas High School, I welcome you into the Nighthawk family and assure you that we will do our best to help take you to the next level in your education. We are eager to engage ALL our students in learning and achievement to help them SOAR... It's the Nighthawk Way!

I attended high school in the San Jose area. I then got my Bachelors degree from San Jose State University. I later got my Masters degree in Urban Education and Administration from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. This is my 17th year in education. I began my teaching career in East Oakland teaching 4th grade. This will be my fifth year as principal at Natomas High, following four years at Natomas Middle. I love the community we serve!

Natomas High is destined for another great year in 2026-27! Last year, we had 137 seniors (61%) receive acceptance to a four year university or college. Those students were then awarded \$1,725,788 in financial aid for next year in college! That is \$6,903,152 over 4 years. Many of our seniors are going to college for free. That shows the resilience of our community in responding to tough circumstances. We also opened a Wellness Center on campus to support our student's social emotional needs.

Our staff's relationship with the students and families is of utmost importance at NHS. Relationships are our top priority and a focus area of ours here at NHS. A strong partnership between students, parents/guardians, and teachers will help each of our students reach their full potential. We look to continue to strengthen those relationships this year. We will continue our focus on literacy through writing. We will also focus on academic rigor to ensure our students are prepared for success at the college level.

At Natomas High, we are a Comprehensive AP Capstone School with an array of Advanced Placement Courses and CTE Pathways in Engineering, Health, Digital Media, Automotive, Music Production, and Building & Construction Trades. We also have dual enrollment classes where NHS seniors receive high school and college credit for taking a class at ARC. We are expanding dual enrollment class options by adding a science class this year. We use these course options along with a focus on students advancing through our world language classes to achieve the California Seal of Biliteracy, and inclusive practices, along with our traditional programs in athletics, art, music, and student activities, to support our Nighthawks to become prepared to make decisions about their college and career success. We are excited

to continue our many traditions, support student achievement, maintain a school culture of acceptance of backgrounds and abilities, and together celebrate our diversity.

Parent/guardian involvement is welcomed, whether through the meetings of our various parent organizations, Community School Committee, our newly formed PTSA, or by simply sharing an active interest in the education of your student at home, and we hope you find it thrilling to be a part of the Natomas High School community.

If you have any questions about our school, programs, or expectations, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit our website at www.natomasunified.org/nhs or call 916-641-4060. Our office is open for summer hours each weekday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, closed the week of July 6-10. Beginning Monday, August 3, our office will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm daily and can be contacted by calling 916-641-4960. Again, welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

It's a great day to be a Nighthawk! CAW!

Sincerely,

Principal Baker

Mr. Marcel Baker

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