



# *Sunnyside High School*

August 2026

Dear Wildcat Family,

Hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and are ready to begin the school year in full swing this August. We are extremely excited to welcome all of you back to campus where at Sunnyside, staff, students and parents work together like no other place to make up this amazing community we call the "Wildcat Family" and you have my commitment that this family will continue to provide support for every student. Our first day of school will begin on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> with classes beginning at 8:30 am.

As the largest high school in Fresno Unified, the challenge for our school family is to make every student feel welcome and comfortable in their "home away from home." Here at Sunnyside, we believe that relationships are vital for learning. With that said, we do all we can to build that philosophy into the structure of our school. We have students assigned to smaller "university" offices and to a homeroom teacher to help make the school feel smaller for students and families. We also provide opportunities for students to participate in pathways or academies which again help to create a smaller environment where students can connect with a smaller group of teachers and students. For example, Agriscience Pathway, Multimedia and Marketing Pathway, Health Pathway, Doctors Academy, Criminal and Behavioral Science Academy, AVID Academy, Teachers Academy and Video Production Academy all support students and foster positive relationships.

Communication with all Wildcat Family members is also of the utmost importance. We provide information and updates through several platforms including our university offices, Parent Square, Sunnyside Website, ATLAS, Edu-Text and our social media accounts. We have also sent a summer mailer with more details regarding information about Freshmen Orientation, the student class schedule pick-up process and Senior Parent Night. For families who have not yet registered their students, an opportunity for "late night registration" will take place on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You will be able to walk all your child's classrooms in the same order they do and hear directly from each teacher about each individual class.

Again, we all look forward to the upcoming school year and working together to help your student be successful. These are great years in your child's life and we will never forget the responsibility you allow us to accept.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Anderson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michele Anderson  
Principal, Sunnyside High School