



Fortuna Union High School District

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Hello Fortuna High Students and Parents,

I hope that you are all enjoying a wonderful summer and are making the most out of the wonderful weather that we have been having. The high school is already buzzing with staff getting ready for the 2017-2018 school year. The class of 2017 had some great accomplishments, and we wish them all the best as they move forward onto the next step in their lives. However, it is time to start thinking about the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. The big news for Fortuna High School will be the early start date for the school year. This year the first day of school is August 14th and that day will be upon us very quickly. Starting school early will provide many advantages to Fortuna High Students. Students will now be on a college like schedule with the first semester finals taking place before winter break, they will also have two additional weeks of instruction prior to the AP and other state mandated exams. For those 12th grade students the early date will also give them time to meet with counseling staff and start preparing their college, and FAFSA applications.

There are some exciting things happening here at the high school, and I believe that this is a truly amazing place to send your kids to school. We are excited to welcome a few new staff members to the Fortuna High Team. Long time Fortuna Elementary School teacher Norm Sotomayor will be joining our staff in the counseling department. Academy of the Redwoods teacher Mark Thom will be a fantastic addition to our science department as a result of teaching legend Pam Halstead's retire this year. We are also excited about the additions of new teachers Whitney Dostal and Tricia Aaron in our Resource Department.

We are delighted to welcome the approximately 235 students in the class of 2021 and are also eagerly anticipating the return of all of our Huskies in August. Please remember to read through the entire newsletter as it contains many important happenings that will take place between now and the start of school. If there are any further questions you can keep up to speed on the school website at www.fortunahigh.org, or come by the office and see us in person.

I look forward to seeing you this fall, and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Thank you,

Clint Duey
Principal

