



Live Oak High School

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Dear Acorn Students and Parents,

Welcome new and returning Acorn students and families to the 2018-2019 school year at Live Oak High School! I am honored to serve this vibrant community as Principal, and look forward to working with you to ensure that Live Oak continues to provide exceptional educational opportunities and experiences for all of our students.

Staff at Live Oak are busy preparing for the **first day of school on Thursday, August 16**. However, our commitment to the academic growth and success of our students extends well beyond the first day. We will continue to meet weekly as a staff on Wednesday mornings to collaborate on instructional practices, program improvements, and opportunities to enhance our support of students. To facilitate this, our schedule will continue to incorporate a **late start on Wednesdays, beginning on August 22 at 8:40am**. To minimize the impact that this has on your family:

- School bus schedules will remain the same as on other four days of the week.
- Live Oak campus monitors will be here to provide before-school supervision.
- Academic support and tutoring will be available in the Counseling and Career Center.
- Our food service lines will operate prior to the start of school.
- The end of the school day remains unchanged.

I am committed to partnering with parents in support of student success. To that end, parents are invited to join me for a **Meet & Greet on Friday, August 10 at 9:15am**. Live Oak parents are also encouraged to collaborate with our administrative team in a variety of ways throughout the year, including at parent education and involvement events, and regular meetings of our Home and School Club (HSC), English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC), and School Site Council (SSC). Please also mark your calendars and plan to join us for **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 13**. I encourage all Live Oak families to take advantage of the information shared on our school [website](#) and in the newsletter emailed home each week for more details about upcoming meetings and opportunities for parents to get involved with Acorn life.

Live Oak teachers are also deeply committed to student success. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers early, and as needed throughout the year. Email links are provided on our school website and accessible through Aeries parent portal. Office staff are happy to assist parents in setting up email or accessing Aeries portal.

We believe that every Acorn has the potential to grow into a mighty oak tree – and we know that is most likely to happen through consistent effort, effective study habits, and a personal commitment to academic success. Please take time as the school year begins to establish a consistent study schedule and a quiet space for students to complete work at home. Student success in the classroom is also greatly enhanced by a positive connection to school – we encourage students to explore the many outstanding extracurricular activities, organizations, and opportunities available to students at Live Oak, and plan to get involved this year. These provide a valuable chance for students to form friendships, make memories, and get the most out of high school.

Key Dates and Reminders

The opening day of school is Thursday, August 16 @8:10am

Freshmen & New Student Orientation

All 9th graders and new students are expected to participate in Freshmen & New Student Orientation, a special program hosted by our Associated Student Body (ASB) to welcome new Acorns and ease their transition to Live Oak High School. Freshmen & New Student Orientation will be held on **Friday, August 10, 9:00am-12:00pm** beginning in the theater. It is critical that students attend this orientation to receive

valuable information and strategies for making the most of their first year at Live Oak. Students will return required forms, pick up their schedules, and have their school picture taken during orientation.

Meet & Greet

Curious about the Principal or some aspect of LOHS? Want to connect with other Live Oak parents? Please join us for a Live Oak Parent/Guardian Meet & Greet, which will be held during Freshman & New Student Orientation on **Friday, August 10, 9:15am -10:25am** in the Library. This will be a valuable opportunity for Acorn families to meet members of the Live Oak and MHUSD staff, and the Live Oak Home and School Club. We will also explain requirements for parent volunteers on campus, trip chaperones, etc. Refreshments will be served! Please email if you can attend: LOHSCvolunteer@gmail.com.

Freshmen & New Student Parent Night

Parents of all incoming 9th graders and new students are encouraged to join us for **Freshman & New Student Parent Night** on **Monday, August 13, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the theater. This evening's program will focus on important information and strategies for supporting students' academic and personal success at Live Oak.

Student Schedules

This year, most required forms will be completed and signed electronically via Aeries Parent Portal. This process must be completed before class schedules are released. Once all other online forms have been completed, *parents will need to print and sign a completed copy of the emergency form. Students must bring a printed and signed copy of their emergency form to orientation/schedule pick up.*

9th graders & New Students should plan to return forms, receive schedules, and have their school picture taken during Freshmen & New Student Orientation on **August 10, 9:00am-12:00pm**.

Returning 10th - 12th graders should plan to return forms, receive schedules, and have their school picture taken on **August 10, 1:30pm-3:30pm**.

Schedules not picked up during the times listed above may be picked up between 7:00am-8:00am on August 15. *All students should have their schedules before first period on the opening day of school.*

Live Oak office staff members are available to help parents/guardians set up email accounts and link them to Aeries Parent portal accounts to facilitate this process. Please note that Live Oak will be using email as our primary communication method for 2018-2019.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact teachers, counselors, or administrators here at Live Oak. We look forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to support the growth of our Acorns!

Sincerely,



Maria C. Reitano, Ed.D.
Principal