



August 12, 2022

Message from the Principal

Believe it or not, it is already time for the first District Assessments of the school year.

On Monday, August 15th, the Beginning of the Year ELA Assessment will be administered to students in the morning. Students will report to their Advisory teacher at the start of the school day and testing will take most of the morning. Please endeavor to have students arrive on time to school, in order to have the maximum time to complete the assessment.

There will be two more district assessments in both Math and ELA, administered mid-year and end of the school year.

All ParentVUE acknowledgements should have been completed by Thursday, August 11th. If you have not acknowledged the family handbook, technology agreement, emergency information, etc., please log into your ParentVUE account to complete as soon as possible. Your participation is appreciated.

Our Panther community is working to get our student clubs organized, up and running. Once we have all the information related to the various clubs that will meet on campus, club descriptions will be posted on the Altadena website. We are looking forward to a lot of student participation!

Encourage your student to watch the video announcements each morning as this is where they will hear about club formation, sporting events and other happenings on campus. Our morning announcement video and anchor crews work hard to make the announcements informative and fun.

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Erica Modzelewski, M.A.Ed.
Principal

Learning Lab has started!

Learning Lab takes place in the library every Tuesday and Thursday. In the mornings it runs from 7:00-7:50am and in the afternoons from 3:10-4:00pm. Learning Lab gives students a quiet work environment where they can make up assignments, study or complete homework. Every session has a math teacher for extra support in math and the Thursday afternoon sessions have an ELA teacher as well. Students are welcome to come for the whole session or just a part of it. In the afternoon, students must have transportation home since there is not a late bus. Learning Lab is a great opportunity for student enrichment!

Parent Pick up and Drop Off- Upper Parking Lot

When dropping off students in the morning or picking up in the afternoon in the upper parking lot, cars may only be parked in designated parking spaces and not in the two lanes along the curb. Students may be picked up along those lanes after all buses have exited the parking lot.



Fall Sports

Tryouts for Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball begin on Monday, August 15th after school. All required paperwork, including a current sports physical, must be uploaded or turned in to the office before a student is eligible to participate.

Boys Soccer, Cross Country and Girls Volleyball practices begin on Monday, August 22nd.

Coaches Letters and more information is available on the Altadena Athletics webpage.



School Refusal: Helping Handout for School and Home

School refusal refers to a variety of behaviors, including extended periods of absence due to refusal to attend school, frequent tardiness, behavioral difficulties in the morning aimed to prevent attending school, or student distress and requests to not attend school (Kearney & Silverman, 1996).

Read the entire article [here](#)

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