

Principal's Message

Welcome, Islander students and families, to the ongoing celebration of 100 years of Coronado High School!

With gratitude, enthusiasm, and affection for my alma mater, I continue in the role of principal of Coronado High School, endeavoring to continue a tradition of excellence and opportunities for our students. I am proud of Coronado High School's dedicated and inspiring staff, talented and engaged students, and generous and involved families and community members.

An exciting new development in offering flexibilities for our students is that **Coronado High School will now encompass Palm Academy for Learning, our alternative/continuation program, and the former Coronado Pathways Charter School, an online independent study program, with Kevin Nicolls overseeing both as Principal of Alternative Programs.** Students who have already been enrolled in Palm or Pathways will have similar experiences, but with resources, extracurricular activities, and supports of CHS available to them. And online opportunities will expand for all students as well. **Kevin Nicolls joins our CHS administrative team, which includes Assistant Principal Steve Abbott and Assistant Principal and Director of CoSA (Coronado School of the Arts) Shane Schmeichel.** We look forward to continued collaboration with our staff and district leadership in sustaining a school community where students are supported in building confidence and pursuing their passions.

This year we celebrate the successful completion of our WASC self-study and process, culminating in a six-year term of accreditation. Our CHS Strategic Plan, developed by students, staff, parents, and community members, reflects findings of the study, and we are committed to continuing to improve and expand our opportunities and resources for students.

A new bell schedule in which school ends at 2:25 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays reflects the addition of minutes to account for potential heat days. We also added a seventh period to our day, in which we will offer a credit-recovery period for students in need of remediating courses.

I am proud to be part of a staff who forges close bonds with students and who are available to them for extra academic help, as well as for support of their extracurricular pursuits and social-emotional needs. We will model, and you will learn, that the relationships established at Coronado High School are enduring.

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for ALL students, and student voice is encouraged and appreciated at CHS. **In collaboration with the administration, a student committee revised our school dress code last year.** In an effort to ensure that we continue to understand and meet students' needs, **we inaugurated a dialogue last spring that will continue this year; members of our community who feel they are part of a population that is underrepresented, misunderstood, overlooked, or the subject of teasing, discrimination, or harassment will have opportunities to be heard, with the goal of addressing concerns and raising awareness.** Students may drop off anonymous contributions to a box marked "Campus Culture" at the receptionist's desk in the front office at any time as well.

Coronado High School students are offered a wealth of courses and opportunities to align their high school experiences with goals for college, careers, and life. Islanders distinguish themselves in classrooms and competitions, in the arts, on playing fields, in giving to the school and community, and in encouraging and supporting one another. Graduates of CHS are prepared to make informed choices about their futures, whether their paths lead them to our nation's most prestigious colleges and universities, to travel internationally, to pursue technical or vocational training, to join the workforce, or to serve our country in the military.

Our award-winning Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA) conservatories and Navy Junior ROTC programs extend learning beyond the school day and provide tight-knit communities for students on campus. Our Coronado schools benefit from the support of a generous and committed community and the Coronado Schools Foundation and PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) in particular. Through funding from CSF and a generous legacy gift from Frances Harpst, CHS is able to offer students STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) experiences, including engineering and robotics, live broadcasting, hands-on labs, visiting artists, and arts projects and installations. Students prepare for careers in our Health Sciences Pathway and Furniture Design programs.

Our students continue to demonstrate academic excellence through state and national assessments. **In addition to being recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, Distinguished School, and New American High School, the state of California awarded Coronado High School with additional honors as an Exemplary Career Technical Education site—one of only nine in the state. Each year, more students elect to enroll in our rigorous Advanced Placement courses and perform admirably on exams.** Our faculty is committed to the increasing achievement of each and every student on our campus, as we continue to hone strategies and interventions to meet the needs of a diverse student body.

I encourage our students to seek out and grasp new challenges, considering honors and AP courses in areas which excite you, joining clubs aligned with your passions, trying out for athletic teams and auditioning for roles in arts activities, and bringing new ideas and initiatives to your staff and student body. We partner with our Associated Student Body leadership and representatives to provide students with exciting academic and extracurricular offerings to make CHS your second home.

Finally, we encourage you to get to know your teachers, counselors, administrators and support personnel at CHS, who are committed to helping you achieve your personal goals and assist you with your needs along the way.

We thank our families and community partners for supporting students in coming to school prepared and with pride, curiosity, and vision for the future. It's going to be a wonderful year.

Welcome to our Islander Family!

Jenny Moore, Principal