



September 25, 2020

Dear Pacific Ridge School,

We are six days into welcoming students back to campus for classes. I hope they are as pleased to be back in our classrooms as we are to have them!

I want to thank all of our teachers and staff for their care, creativity, and amazing flexibility. This hardworking group started the year remotely, learned how to teach in a hybrid fashion, and then trained and started hosting students in classrooms (and on Zoom) – all in under four weeks' time. I also want to thank our parents and students for staying in touch with us, following our many directions, and making all these transitions as smooth as possible. Truly, what we have accomplished together is remarkable. Thank you.

We all know that we need to stay together, stay vigilant, and stay focused throughout the entire school year, not just in the first month. With that in mind, I write today to announce that we will be staying in 33% density through at least late October. There are several reasons why.

It's important for us to settle into a routine and continue to test our processes before making more changes. October brings Back-to-School Night on October 1, Interim grades on October 13, and Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences on October 14, 15, and 16. The consistency of staying at 33% density will help our teachers focus on making these important connections with families and will give everyone a consistent schedule for a few more weeks.

In addition, this week San Diego narrowly avoided being moved to the most restrictive tier in California's reopening plan, and we don't know what to expect in the coming weeks, especially considering a possible "fall surge" in COVID cases. Staying at 33% seems a reasonable, conservative plan given these conditions.

Please use the attached calendar to plan your schedules for the next four weeks. We intend to be in touch again about the schedule for November on or around October 20th. In the meantime, I invite you to review our [COVID-19 Policies and Procedures Manual](#) as well as review our new [density matrix](#) based on California's Department of Public Health Tier System.

This month, we have come together as a community to bring school life back to our students. Let's savor this first step a bit longer as we make plans for the rest of fall and beyond.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Ogle".

Bob Ogle
Head of School

OCTOBER 2020

ODD DAY
EVEN DAY

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

27	28 Yom Kippur No school	29 On-Campus 7 & 10 REMOTE 8, 9, 11, 12 33% Density	30 On-Campus 7 & 10 REMOTE 8, 9, 11, 12 33% Density	1 On-Campus 9 & 12 REMOTE 7, 8, 10, 11 33% Density	2 On-Campus 9 & 12 REMOTE 7, 8, 10, 11 33% Density	3
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