Welcome back Sharks!

I am so eager to introduce myself as your new Principal. I do wish we were coming back to school in the fall so I could see your students smiling faces and show off my basketball skills on the courts during recess, but unfortunately that will have to wait. Most of you have already heard that we will be on a 100% distance-learning model as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. This is the same model we were on in the spring, but please note, there will be several differences.

The State of California has come up with requirements for distance learning; those include attendance accountability, grades, time requirements for live interaction and more. These requirements will be communicated as we learn more and develop what this model will look like in Tracy Unified School District. Students will NOT be physically coming to school to learn. They will be learning from home remotely through a blend of synchronous (online live interaction in real time) and asynchronous (online, not in real time) learning. Think of synchronous learning as video conferencing live with the teacher and asynchronous as other assignments & activities online. Some things you can expect this year are:

* Synchronous instruction in the morning ranging between 8:30AM-11:30AM
* Lunch will be served here at Bohn daily for pickup, and there will be no instruction from 11:30-12:30
* Afternoons will consist of asynchronous and/or synchronous learning of a variety of individual and small group activities

Your teachers will be reaching out to you prior to the first day of school with more specific class information. If you have a Facebook or Twitter account, we highly recommend you follow us as we post useful information on those platforms. **The first day of school is Tuesday, August 11th.**

We understand these are still very unique and often frustrating times we are all experiencing due to the pandemic. Please be patient as even your teachers are learning how to best utilize technology to help your students learn. The staff at Bohn are committed to making the learning experience fun and rewarding for all students, and will do what we can to help them build relationships and stay engaged throughout the year. Please reach out and if you have any questions or need support. We appreciate all of your support, patience & understanding as we adapt to the new mandates regarding distance learning.

I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Burstein