

Welcome to the 2022/23 School Year!

I am beyond excited to start this year out as the new Principal of Monterey High School! I have been in education for 22 years working various positions: teacher, program specialist, and Assistant Principal. As a student who struggled in school, I have always been drawn to help students who do not feel connected to school or learning and in each position I put student learning at the forefront and go to great lengths to create student centered classrooms and schools.

I am happy to introduce you to some new staff members:

- **Edwin Taylor:** Assistant Principal
- **Gabrielle Sharaga:** Counselor
- **Anita Kostas:** School Psychologist

As a school team we will focus on the ABC's of Success:

Attendance: Daily attendance is extremely important in school success. The average student misses less than four days of school a year. Attendance during the pandemic has been complicated and difficult. I am hoping that this will be easier this year. If you are having trouble attending school regularly due to various reasons (transportation, mental health, routines), please contact us to set up a meeting so we can discuss support.

Behavior: It is my expectation that every student at Monterey feels safe at school and is treated with respect. Behavior expectations around campus and in class will be explained and taught so students will feel empowered to make good choices. The staff at Monterey dedicate themselves to building relationships with students so that everyone can feel comfortable asking for help if they do not feel safe at school or they need assistance. Any instance of hate language or bullying will not be tolerated, and district consequences will be utilized.

Classes: Many students attend Monterey to make up classes or plan to graduate early. This means that passing all classes is very important. Monterey will work with each student to build a plan for the future. If students start to fall behind, we will make sure to work with families and set up meetings to discuss concerns and build success plans.

Nothing feels better than personal success. The individualized support at Monterey allows students to realize that they "Make it Happen". I want every student to graduate with a diploma and be prepared for life after high school.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me or any other staff member at MHS.

Warmly,

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