



# HIGH DESERT SCHOOL

## MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



We are thrilled to introduce **High Desert School's (HDS)** new staff: Mrs. Arrieta, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bloomberg, Mrs. Gilmartin, and Mrs. Guitierrez

### Great way to engage at the HDS:

- As HDS is a Sierra Sands school, it will follow the district calendar. For the 2025-26 school year, Thursday, August 7, is the first day of school.
- Live Support on Campus 1-2 times a week: Students receive in-person academic support at the Mesquite Campus, delivered by subject-paired Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs).
- Dual Enrollment Opportunities: Students may participate in dual enrollment, including the Middle College Program housed at Cerro Coso Community College, starting with grade 9 in Fall 2025.
- Middle College students, your electives are already selected, and we will add the new 1-credit library course for you next year.
- Follow the SSUSD Simultaneous High School Enrollment Guide --Fill out the Secondary Simultaneous Course Request Form if you are interested in a course on the BHS campus. Simultaneous enrollment is not guaranteed.
- Please make sure to complete your selection on the HDS Course Offerings 2024-25
- Students have the survey sent to them via email. They can also email the counselor: [skingessusd.org](mailto:skingessusd.org) or Mr. Cosner: [jcosner@ssusd.org](mailto:jcosner@ssusd.org)

### More information to follow in the Fall

- Start-of-the-year letter in August
- All HDS Students will attend the in-person sessions on August 7th/8th
- Watch for School Site Council and ASB ballots early in the year