

## Welcome Back to School!



The ILP staff hopes you had a wonderful summer break and that you are ready to dive back into school and your studies. We had some exciting new changes happen over the summer; we have a new Learning Center Supervisor, Mrs. Freeman. She has worked as a teacher for the past \_ years and is excited to assist you in the Learning Center. Please stop by when you are at ILP and welcome her to our ILP family.

We have revamped our Algebra program and have dropped the Algebra 1A and 1B series and have replaced it with two year long Algebra 1 classes, Algebra 1P and Algebra 1S. Both classes are college preparatory and satisfy the Algebra requirement for high school, but they tackle the subject in different ways. The teachers have made recommendations to place students in the appropriate class.

Natomas Charter continues to have construction on campus this year as our gym is being built behind the D wing. The expected completion date is March of 2008, so we hope to use the facility before the end of the year.

Another exciting new addition is that ILP now has our own classroom, D-1. The teachers are excited to have a home for our workshops and a place to display student work and examples of projects. We are having a Back to School night in October to display the classroom and student achievements.

All of the additions to ILP were completed in an effort to better the educational experiences of our students. I anticipate that the 2007/2008 school year will be a wonderful time of learning and growth for staff and students alike. I hope to see you all soon.

- Mrs. Bariel

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## Please join us for **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00-7:30 pm**

- \* See what is going on in ILP
- \* Meet and talk with the staff
- \* Join in on a WASC focus group discussion



*We look forward to seeing everyone!*

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- ★ **Important Dates:**
- ★ \* **Sept 20 & 21** - Picture Day 10am-2pm
  - ★ \* **Sept 30** - Deadline to register and pay deposit for Washing D.C. trip!
  - ★ \* **October 2** - UC Application Workshop (see page 12)
  - ★ \* **October 2 & 3** - CAHSEE 11th & 12th
  - ★ \* **October 3** - Staff Development Day  
NO SCHOOL
  - ★ \* **October 8** - Regular School Day
  - ★ \* **October 10** - Back to School Night
  - ★ \* **October 19** - First Quarter Ends
  - ★ \* **October 20** - PSAT Test (see p. 13 for details)
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# Meet the Staff

## MRS. BARIEL, ILP PROGRAM COORDIANTOR

Welcome back to all the returning students and welcome to the new students. I have had a chance to meet you all briefly in the orientations, but I hope to get to know you better as the year progresses.

I am excited to start the 2007/2008 school year, as it is my 10<sup>th</sup> year working in education. I grew up in Ventura County and moved up north to earn my bachelor of arts with a major in English and minor in education from UC Davis. I then returned home to southern California to attend UC Santa Barbara to earn my Masters in Education and teaching and CLAD credentials. After graduate school, I missed the beauty of the Sacramento Valley and returned to teach at Will C. Wood Middle School. After two years I came to work at Natomas Charter School as an English teacher for the Performing and Fine Arts Academy. From there I moved over to teach at ILP and then became the program coordinator. I continued my education by earning my administrative services credential from the University of LaVerne. I have been at ILP for five years and love working with students in a one on one setting. My favorite part of my job right now is tutoring students, and helping them make plans for after high school.

Outside of ILP, I spend almost all of my time with my two year old daughter and my husband. My daughter keeps me very busy as we head to the park, zoo, and dance around the house. I also spend my time practicing yoga, gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

I hope that this will be an exciting and positive year for all of you. Please stop by to see me or come to my office hour!

- Mrs. Bariel

## MS. BAUMAN

Hello students and families. Welcome to Natomas Charter School's ILP program. I am happy to be working with you this year in helping you to meet your high school goals. I look forward to a wonderful year together. I will be teaching the Biology, Earth Science and American Sign Language workshops.



This is my 10<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I began in Florida as a middle-school science teacher in 1998. I have since obtained my California Teaching Credential in Health Science and went on to get my Masters of Education degree in Cross-Cultural Teaching. In addition to teaching here at Natomas Charter School, I teach part time for the University of Phoenix.

Before I began teaching, I was a flight attendant for a charter airline. I flew the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, Toronto Blue Jays, and other sports teams, entertainers, and the U.S. military. I still have jet fuel in my blood and love to travel.

I've also performed in a Michael Jackson short film, *Cry*. The storyline was written before the tragedy of 9/11, but the message connects with the events still. It is great for me to be a part of a film that encourages unity.

As we go through the school year, please don't hesitate to ask any questions you have. I will enjoy helping you with your school work!

- Ms. Bauman

"Be The Change You  
Wish To See In The World"

~Gandhi

## MS. DeWOLFE

First, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning students. It is great to be starting a fresh new year among so many smiling faces!

My life has been blessed by a richness of experience. In Rhode Island, fresh out of university, I started my first adult job as a developmental reading teacher for grades seven and eight. As a young mother, I went back to school to earn my Master of Arts degree in English Literature. Later, I continued to work in a wide variety of educational settings. In rural Nova Scotia, Canada, I coordinated specialized educational programs for young mothers and youths in community-based programs, setting up classrooms in children's centers and church basements. I developed and presented tutoring programs, family literacy workshops, and a women's self-defense course. More recently here in California, before I came to Natomas Charter School, I taught eighth grade Language Arts, taught in a one-room home school house with students from kindergarten to grade six, and worked in a private tutoring center as the Assistant Director.

In addition, I have gained valuable life experience outside of the field of Education. I served as first mate/chef aboard sailing vessels in the Caribbean, ran a martial arts school in Nova Scotia and a custom canvas business in New Hampshire. No matter what, however, I have always come back to teaching.

When I am not teaching, my summers are spent in Canada spoiling my granddaughters. In my spare time, I love to walk my dog, watch movies, read mysteries, and solve word puzzles.

I believe that underlying any successful learning experience is basic human respect; that students must be fully engaged partners who are encouraged by their teachers to take responsibility for their own learning; and that the work must be at once both challenging and fun. The environment at ILP provides all the necessities for a successful educational experience for motivated students.

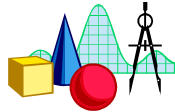
- Ms. DeWolfe



# Meet the Staff

## MRS. WILLIAMS

Hi everyone. My name is Ann Williams. I am a math teacher here at Natomas Charter School and thrilled to be a part of the ILP Program. I teach the Algebra IP, Algebra 2 and Career Exploration workshops. Before coming to Natomas Charter, I spent a few years teaching high school math in the Fresno and Hanford school districts. My husband was offered a chance to work in Lyon, France for a while so we sold our house in Fresno and moved to France. Prior to teaching in Fresno, I worked for a financial planning firm. I also worked as a math instructor for a private learning center in Washington State and as a math teacher for the Upward Bound Program at Columbia Basin College (also in Washington). I received a degree in math from Washington State University and a California Teaching Credential from CSU Fresno.



I stay very busy keeping track of my four children. I have two children in college, a son in the Navy who lives in Fallon, Nevada, and a daughter who lives in Mountain View, CA. We also have 3 adorable grandchildren. After returning from France, we purchased a house in Penn Valley that needed lots of work, so much of my spare time is spent remodeling and painting. When I am not helping my youngest son with his college math courses or working on the house, I love reading, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

Please stop by and see me or email me if you have any questions or if I can help you in any way. I am looking forward to a great year and working with all of you!

## MRS. ASH

I am Mrs. Ash the Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1S, Geometry, and Business Technology teacher. This is my second year at Natomas Charter School in the ILP program. Before I was here I worked at two other local high schools. I received my Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and my Teaching Credential from CSU, Sacramento. In my spare time I love to work on crafts and travel. This summer I spent two weeks in Washington D.C. and saw many interesting things at the Smithsonian.

I am happy to be here for a second year and I am excited about some of the changes that have been made to the Math curriculum. Teaching has always been a big part of my life. When I was in college I did all I could to get teaching experience through tutoring and being a teacher's assistant. I also spent time as a volunteer teacher in Okinawa Japan. The most rewarding part of my job is hearing "Wow I actually get it". Math is often a subject that causes anxiety for students. I want students to understand that I am here to help and I actually like to do it. A motivated student has every opportunity for success even if they need some encouragement along the way.



## MRS. ANGELONE

This is my second year at ILP and I am so thrilled to be back. I will be teaching the World History, US History, Government and Economics courses this year. Notice that history workshops are twice a month now rather than just once a month. There is too much to cover and too much fun to have to limit the workshops to only once a month!

Although this is my second year at Natomas Charter it is my fourth year teaching. I spent my first two years teaching at San Juan High School in Citrus Heights. I received my B.A. in Social Science and my California Teaching Credential from CSU, Sacramento. I plan on going back to school, while teaching, to further my education either in the spring or next fall. I love to learn!



One of my favorite ways to learn about the world in which we live is to travel. I enjoy visiting places in the U.S. and overseas. I love to visit museums such as the Smithsonians in Washington D.C. and the Louvre in Paris. I take pleasure in learning about different cultures and experiencing first hand how other people in the world live. My favorite place so far has been Italy. My husband and I spent nearly a month there last summer and we had a blast. Luckily my husband and I are both teachers which frees up the summer to travel. We were lucky enough to go to Hawaii this summer which was also an experience, especially when we went skydiving! What a thrill!

Along with our love for traveling, my husband and I also like to go camping, biking, golfing and of course spending time working on our 1925 Craftman Bungalow home in the Tahoe Park area of Sacramento. We spent hours in our backyard this summer and the hard work is starting to pay off but we still have a lot to do. We have the time to do work on our home because we don't have any children yet, unless you can count our two cats which are spoiled as if they were our children.

I am so glad I became a teacher because I love what I do. I absolutely love history and I enjoy teaching it to students even more. My goal is not to make students love history the way I do but to have an understanding of it. I know it's not the favorite subject of many students but it is an important one. We need to learn the past to understand our present and to plan for the future. I am really looking forward to this school year and all of the learning that



### Washington D.C. Trip Update:

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended the informational meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> for ILP's March 2008 trip to Washington D.C.! Thanks to those who have already signed up and paid their deposit! We are looking forward to an exciting trip! Don't forget that the **deadline to register and pay the deposit is September 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you want to go and did not go to the informational meeting we may be able to include you. Please e mail me at [kangelone@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:kangelone@natomas.k12.ca.us) or call me at 916-928-5343 x 270.

A special thanks to **Bridget Nelson at Network Natomas** for her \$50.00 donation for the Washington D.C. Trip! If you know of a business who is willing to make a donation (a tax deduction!!) or help with fund-raising please let Mrs. Angelone know.

# Meet the Staff

## MRS FREEMAN

Greetings to new and returning ILP students and parents! My name is Linde Freeman and I am the new Learning Center supervisor. I am so excited to be a part of the dedicated and caring ILP staff and I have heard nothing but great things about the student body.

I have been teaching for the past eight years but have decided to take some time off from full time teaching to focus on my studies as I work on earning my Library Media Teacher Credential. Working with students in a school setting is a truly enjoyable experience for me, and supervising the Learning Center will allow me to continue to do this.

Please remember to take advantage of the Learning Center as you come to campus for workshops and meetings. It provides a quiet study environment and allows you access to computers, printers and the internet to assist you with research and projects. I will always do my best to help you in any way possible so please don't hesitate to come to me with your questions and concerns.

Wishing you a rewarding and successful school year!

- Mrs. Freeman

## CHERYL IGEL

Welcome to a new school year! This is my fifth year as Office Manager for the ILP Program. I enjoy working here because there is always something new and exciting happening to keep me busy. I also enjoy getting to know the students and parents and especially seeing the growth of the students as they learn not only the academic work taught, but also the discipline and responsibilities required to be successful in the ILP program.

I have a daughter who is enjoying her Senior year as a student in the Performing and Fine Arts Academy. Outside of school she participates in club volleyball and swim team, so I spend a lot of time traveling to tournaments and cheering her team on in both sports.

In my leisure time, I enjoy doing various arts and craft projects and exploring new places with my husband and daughter. I love nature, especially the ocean and I always have a camera within arms reach to capture all those special moments. Two of my favorite activities are photography and scrapbooking.

I am looking forward to a great year with our very dedicated and enthusiastic staff, and with our hard-working ILP students and their parents. Please do not hesitate to call me at any time if you have any questions.

- Cheryl Igel

## AARON DeMONTE

Greetings, ILP students and families! My name is Aaron Del Monte and I am thrilled to begin my 5<sup>th</sup> year in the ILP Program. For three years, I was an advisor for students in grades 9-10. Now, I teach the workshops and create the curriculum for the Web Design and Advanced Web Design courses. I am also the Webmaster for Natomas Charter School.

I grew up in Healdsburg, California, and after spending most of my life in California, I attended college at Indiana State University, where I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education. There, I met my wife, and we moved 2,000 miles to live back in California. We now live in Elk Grove, where we are proud parents of our 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter. Our third child is due in May 2008.

Education is my primary passion, but I have other professional interests as well. I have spent a number of years as a Web developer, and currently manage a number of Web sites, including 3 Web sites for the California Department of Fish and Game. I also spend some of my time as the Vice-President of a local non-profit organization and as the high school youth minister at my church.

My favorite thing to do is just "be a dad" and spend quality time with my wife and children. I am also a big sports fan, and I particularly enjoy soccer. I have played soccer for most of my life, and I have spent many years as a youth coach, high school coach, and a referee. I am also an avid runner, and I enjoy competing in local 10-K road races.



I love teaching Web Design! I have seen many students build tremendous enthusiasm, skills and confidence in my classes. Web Design is a unique combination of technology, critical thinking skills, writing and art, and it is exciting to see ILP students build quality Web pages and Web sites. I am proud to say that a number of students who have completed ILP Web Design courses have obtained jobs in the field of Web Development or have gone to college to focus on the field of Web Development.

I look forward to helping my students reach their academic goals and build the skills, knowledge and confidence that will prepare them for future success.

- Mr. DelMonte

**"Let what you love  
be what you do."**

~Rumi



# 2007/2008 Calendar Update

Please read over the attached revised school calendar. Due to construction and safety issues, the D wing (ILP Office, Learning Center, and D-1) will be closed Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Staff Development day planned for Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> will be moved to Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (no school for students). School will be in regular session on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition, on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, the ILP Office (signing in/out and students meetings) will be moved to the Media Center and workshops will be moved to Room E-5. You will receive a schedule of room changes with your week 6 assignment sheet in September. If you have further questions please contact Mrs. Bariel at 928-5343 ext. 112.

NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL  
**I.L.P.**  
 2007-2008 School Calendar

Updated August 29, 2007

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**Holidays & Non-Student Days:**  
 July 4 - Independence Day  
 Sep 3 - Labor Day  
 Nov 12 - Veteran's Day  
 Nov 19-25 - Thanksgiving Recess  
 Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day  
 Dec 24-Jan 4 - Winter Recess  
 Jan 1 - New Years Day  
 Jan 21 - Martin Luther King's Day  
 Feb 11 (observed) - Lincoln's Birthday  
 Feb 18 (observed) - Washington's Birthday  
 Mar 24- Apr 4 - Spring Break  
 May 26 (observed) - Memorial Day

**Staff Development & Teacher Work Days**  
 August 13 - 17, 2007  
 October 3, 2007  
 May 9, 2008  
 June 12, 2008

**Students:**  
 First Day of Instruction: August 20, 2007  
 First Quarter Ends: October 19, 2007  
 First Semester Ends: January 18, 2008  
 Third Quarter Ends: March 21, 2008  
 Last Day of Instruction: June 11, 2008

Students do not attend school on any Bold and Underlined day.

## ILP Peer Mentors/Tutors

Over the years we have watched some students grow and develop in the ILP program and they started to informally help others with homework questions and figure out the ins and outs of ILP. This led us to initiate the Peer Tutors program last year and we are bringing it back for the new school year. Returning students can apply to be peer tutors, which can help others with understanding assignment sheets, workshop schedules, work expectations, the Learning Center, study habits, time management, study skills, adjusting to working independently and assist with a subject area.

### Our Peer Tutors/Mentors for this year are:

David McDonald - Tutor - Technology/Web Design

Jillian Wilson - Tutor - ASL

David McDonald - Mentor

Michela McDonald - Mentor

Availability will be posted in the ILP Office and Learning Center.

## Make the Most of Your Time At ILP

Working independently is challenging and students often find roadblocks that can slow their progress on weekly work. ILP has developed ways to assist you in finding success even when the roadblocks appear. Utilize the assistance ILP has to offer you and you will find success around every turn in the road.

- Follow a Study Schedule
- Ask Questions (call or email the teachers)
- Attend Teacher Office Hours
- Utilize Peer Tutoring/Mentors
- Work in the Learning Center
- Use the Learning Center Computer Access
- Form Study Groups

## 2007-2008 Senior Project Update

Seniors are about to embark on a project that will allow them to display all their academic talents, skills, and knowledge as well as his/her personal interests and abilities. August and September will be spent brainstorming ideas for research topics and products for the project. Each senior received a 50+ page Senior Project handbook, which will guide him/her through the year-long project and class. Help your student to try out ideas for the project, which he/she will discuss with his/her teacher. Students have chosen a topic and are ready to start on the Senior Project.



### Topic Proposal

This proposal is an in depth discussion of the topic and project and is due the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>. The senior project weekly assignments are designed to assist the seniors in the writing of the research paper in a step-by-step process. Remind your seniors to attend workshops (September 20<sup>th</sup>) and Mrs. Bariel's office hours to get one-on-one assistance with his/her topic and research. Take some time to talk with your senior about his/her topic and why it is important to him/her, this will be an exciting year and great learning experience.

- Mrs. Bariel



## HAVE YOU LOGGED ON TO POWERSCHOOL?

ILP parents and students should have received a letter by mail explaining the procedure for logging on to Powerschool and accessing the student's current grades and attendance information on the Internet.

In addition to grades and attendance, Powerschool allows you access to the following information:

- \* **School Bulletin** informs you of upcoming events, schedules and general ILP news. Please be sure to check it frequently.
- \* **"Demerits on Record"** allows you to view any demerits your student may have received.
- \* **Email Notification** allows parents to receive automatic progress reports by email. Set-up for this feature will be completed by Sept. 20th. If you wish to change the frequency of reports or change what you are receiving, you can do this by clicking on the email notification tab.

If you have any questions about using Powerschool, please contact me at (916) 928-5343, ext. 111 or email me at [cigel@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:cigel@natomas.k12.ca.us)

Cheryl Igel  
ILP Office Manager

## TO: NCS Students/Parents

You can help EARN CASH for our school simply by clipping Box Tops and turning them in to the front office. Here's how you can help:



- Sign up online as a supporter of our school and earn an additional 5 Bonus Box Tops through September 30, 2007. It's easy and FREE - You'll get updates on our school's box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops, the latest Box Tops news and much, much more. Signing up online does not obligate you to anything – it simply gives you a source of information and until September 30<sup>th</sup> it's an easy way to give our school 5 Bonus Box Tops. Sign up today at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) (choose Natomas Charter School as the school you wish to support).
- Log on to the Box Tops website and check the list of qualifying products to **identify the products that you already buy and use**. Start clipping the Box Tops – each one is worth 10 cents for our school. That doesn't sound like much, but if everyone participates, it adds up fast!
- Ask relatives, neighbors and friends for Box Tops that they would otherwise throw away!
- Collect Boxtops throughout the year and turn them in to the ILP Office (D5).



**Please start saving today!**

Questions? Contact Cheryl Igel, Box Tops Coordinator at  
928-5343, ext. 111 (ILP Office - D5)  
or email [cigel@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:cigel@natomas.k12.ca.us)



## Natomas Charter School Going for Re-Accreditation This Year!

Right on the heels of our success in receiving a 2007 California Distinguished School Award, Natomas Charter School (NCS) will be renewing its accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in the Spring of 2008. To prepare for this, the staffs of all four programs at Natomas Charter School (Leading Edge, PFAA, PACT and ILP) are continuing the school self-study process, which will be completed in December 2007.

A WASC self-study is required for accreditation and includes an intensive and focused review of our school goals and of our organization's alignment with quality educational standards. Following the completion of the school's self-study report this winter, there will be a site

visit from a team of representatives from WASC on February 25-27, 2008. This will be the second time our high school programs (PFAA and ILP) have undergone this process with the addition this round of the Leading Edge and PACT programs in this accreditation cycle.

As we begin to wrap up the self-study this fall, we will be scheduling parent focus group meetings over the next two months to get your input on what Natomas Charter School does well and what it might improve upon. If you have questions on the WASC Self-Study process and would like to participate in a parent focus group, please contact your program coordinator or Ting L. Sun, Educational Programs Director, at (916) 928-5353, Ext. 110.

### WASC Parent and Student Focus Groups

Natomas Charter School is currently working on a self study as a part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation process. We were accredited six years ago and now must reapply through the self study process. The staff has been working on assessing how we are meeting the goals of our charter and have selected three tenants of our charter as a means to focus our study. These focus areas are called Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRS):

**ESLR 2:**

Students will have a repertoire of problem solving approaches, including exploring alternatives to solving the same problem.

**ESLR 5:**

Students will have a core knowledge which includes cultural literacy, knowledge of humanities, scientific literacy and an appreciation and understanding of the values that constitute the basis of our society.

**ESLR 8:**

Students will possess the ability to think logically and make informed judgments.

We will continue to assess our progress as the year progresses and will ask for student and parent input as we develop goals for future improvement.

#### STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS OCTOBER 2ND & OCTOBER 11TH 12:20 - 1:00 in room D1

Students, sign up with Mrs. Freeman if you would like to be a part of helping our school continue to improve.

#### Please join us for a WASC PARENT FOCUS GROUP October 10<sup>th</sup>

after the Back to School night festivities

We will meet with Dr. Ting Sun,  
our co-founder and WASC coordinator,  
at 7:15 pm in room D-1.

After continued discussions with parents, students, and staff, we will write a report and send it to the WASC representatives. They will then visit our school on February 24-27<sup>th</sup>. We will be notified of the results by the end of the school year. Thank you for assisting us in making Natomas Charter and ILP a school that continues to grow and change to better support our students in their education.

## New On-line Calendar through SchoolsNow.com

Natomas Charter School is excited to announce new on-line school events calendars. We have linked the calendars to our school website ([www.natomascharter.org](http://www.natomascharter.org)), which allows parents and students to see all activities, school days, testing schedules, etc.

On the ILP calendar we have listed all of the workshops and school days. In addition to school and program specific events, parents and students will be able to see all performances at the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center on a Ben Arts Calendar. Viewers can even request that a weekly calendar update be sent to a specified email address. We hope that this new program created by SchoolsNow.com, will be beneficial for all members of the learning community. We invite you to take a moment to look over the calendar and see how it can assist you in supporting your student in his/her education.

To get to the calendar go to the Natomas Charter School ILP website: [www.natomascharter.org/ILP](http://www.natomascharter.org/ILP)

- \* click on the link for ILP Calendar under Upcoming Events.
- \* Click on View the Event Calendars ([www.schoolsnow.com](http://www.schoolsnow.com))
- \* Choose the calendar you wish to view from the list.
- \* Sign up to receive weekly calendar reminders from the ILP calendar or any others you wish.

If you have any questions regarding this new feature, please call Cheryl Igel at (916) 928-5343, ext. 111.

## California High School Proficiency Exam (CHPSE)

The state of California offers additional options for meeting requirements for a high school diploma other than the completion of coursework in a high school program through the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). The State Board of Education awards eligible persons who pass the CHPSE a Certificate of Proficiency. The Certificate of Proficiency is equivalent to a high school diploma. It is not, however, equivalent to completing all coursework required for graduation from high school.

This is not a required exam, but is offered to students in lieu of completing coursework for a high school diploma.

Please call Ms. Marchant-West, Counselor, at 928-5353, ext. 228 for further information on the CHPSE.

## Student Safety and Supervision Reminders

At Natomas Charter School, safety is our number one priority. For those parents dropping their students off in the morning and picking up in the afternoon, please remember to follow these guidelines when in the school parking lots and drop off points:

- \* Please follow all directions of school staff. They are there to make sure that everyone is picked up and dropped off safely. Although you may not see the reason for a particular procedure, please keep in mind that these procedures have been well thought out with the safety of your student in mind.
- \* When you are in the school parking lots, please pull all the way forward at the direction of school staff. Do not stop in the middle of the lot.
- \* Be aware of your speed in the parking lot, students are not always paying attention where they are walking.
- \* Remember that the PACT parking lot is for PACT families only, to ensure safety for the younger students.

Please help us by discussing these safety and supervision procedures with your student. We appreciate your assistance in making school a fun, safe, and supportive place for your student.

### POSITION AVAILABLE:

Campus Monitor for Natomas Charter School

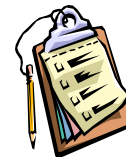
Work shift: Monday—Friday  
7:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m.

Compensation: Starting at \$11.26/hour

Please contact Chris Perry, Student Affairs Director if you are interested:  
(916) 928-5353, ext.103.

### Teacher Wish Lists

- \* Kleenex—one box per student will ensure that we have enough Kleenex to see us through the school year.
- \* Pizza place gift certificates to help fund the All Stars' Lunch Parties.
- \* Used clean t-shirts (for dress code violations)





## NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL SPECIAL MORNING BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will be on this schedule when regular District schools are not in session. Students will be notified of these days by the school. The stops listed are the same as those used for the late Wednesday routes. If you have questions, please call 567-5493.

ROUTE A	ROUTE B	ROUTE C
7:15 Leroy Greene Bus Lane	7:09 Adagio Apartments	7:28 Natomas Crossing & Moonrise
7:18 Two Rivers Bus Loop	7:12 Gateway Oaks & Oak Harbor	7:30 Citrine & Innovator
7:22 El Centro & San Juan	7:17 West El Camino & Millcreek	7:36 Heron Bus Loop
7:24 Forastera at Park	7:20 Waterwheel & Mossy Bank	7:38 Northborough & Wadsworth
7:27 Malvar	7:24 American Lakes	7:40 Brookmere & Maybrook
7:30 Orcutt & Myotis	7:27 Truxel & Pebblewood	7:42 Kokomo & Quinter
7:34 Witter Ranch bus Loop	7:30 Ishi & San Juan	7:44 Kokomo at Homecoming Entrance
7:41 Windsong & Goosehaven	7:33 Villa San Juan Apts.	7:47 Marina Dunes & East Commerce
7:44 Bonfair & Tynebourne	7:35 Laurel Oaks Apts.	7:49 Hampton Bay & Washington
7:48 Callison & Westlake	7:37 Azevedo & Atrisco	7:51 Macon & Bankside
7:50 Westlake & Vista Cove	7:39 Azevedo & Orestes	7:53 Mabry & Dalhart
7:53 Westlake & Savoie	7:41 Bannon Creek Bus Zone	7:54 Mabry & Burberry
7:54 Westlake & Snelling	7:45 Jefferson Bus Zone	7:55 Mabry & Catherwood

## DON'T MISS PICTURE DAY!

**Thursday, September 20th and Friday, September 21st**  
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All ILP students are required to have a student ID which they must carry with them at all times when on campus. They will also need these ID's to attend any Natomas Charter School dances, performances or other events. Please put these dates on your calendar and arrange to have your student here on campus to have their picture taken. ILP students can come anytime between these hours. Sign in at the ILP office before going to have your picture taken—you will receive a form to give to the photographer.

**PARENTS:** In addition to ID photos, you will have the option of purchasing a school photo package. Students will receive the order form this week at their meeting or workshop or you can download the order form from the Natomas Charter School website—[www.natomascharter.org/ILP](http://www.natomascharter.org/ILP). If you are interested in ordering pictures, complete the order form and send it with your student on picture day along with a check made payable to: **STUDIO MONET PORTRAITS**. Late orders will be subject to a \$5.00 service fee.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Igel at the ILP office: (916) 928-5343, ext.111





# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! Some changes have occurred in the counseling department that we would like to bring to your attention.

We have a new school counselor, Ms. Tinkle, who will be working with Mrs. Marchant-West. Mrs. Marchant-West will now be available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during school hours and Ms. Tinkle, will be available Monday through Friday during school hours. Mrs. Marchant-West will primarily be working with the junior and senior high school students helping them plan their schedules, review graduation requirements, update their four-year plans, and work on college applications and career planning. Ms. Tinkle will be helping middle school students make their schedules and choose their classes. Additionally, she will be working with the freshman and sophomores helping them with scheduling, but primarily focusing on their four-year plans in which she and the student will discuss college goals, career goals, and requirements for graduation from Natomas Charter School.

Both counselors will be assisting all students with social issues as well as college and career counseling. The counselors' offices are located in the Media Center, they are always available at lunch and students can fill out a purple slip in the office or the Media Center to make an appointment with them. Students are encouraged to talk to the counselors about their college and career plans. Even if they are unsure about their goals, it is important to start the dialogue and begin discussing different options. Parents are encouraged to call the counselors' offices or email them to make an appointment to be present at their student's four year planning session.

Mrs. Marchant West:  
(916) 928-5353, ext. 228  
Available: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
Juniors and Seniors

[emarchant@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:emarchant@natomas.k12.ca.us)

Ms. Tinkle:  
(916) 928-5353, ext. 278  
Available: Monday thru Friday  
Freshmen and Sophomores

[jtinkle@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:jtinkle@natomas.k12.ca.us)

Please remember to check the counseling page on our school website for helpful college and career information and Internet links.

[www.natomascharter.org/info/counseling.html](http://www.natomascharter.org/info/counseling.html)

College Representatives Series  
12:20 - 1:00 in the Media Center

A representative from various colleges will visit campus to give information and answer questions.

Friday, October 12 - Cal Arts  
Tuesday, November 13 - UC Riverside

## College Application Workshops

The counseling department will be holding workshops for parents and students throughout the year that cover topics such as the college application process, the financial aid application process, and scholarship opportunities.

Mark your calendars for the first workshops of the year.

### California State University (CSU)

(Application deadlines: Oct. 1st—Nov. 30th)

**Tuesday, September 25, 2007**  
**6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, MPR**

### University of California (UC)

(Application deadlines: Nov. 1st—Nov. 30th)

**Tuesday, October 2, 2007**  
**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, MPR**

Intro to the UC system and how to write your personal statement.

## University of California (UC)

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**

**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, MPR**

Application Basics

How to fill out the application correctly!

## ILP College Preparatory Pathway Meetings

All meetings are from 12:20—1:00 in the Media Center

September 11—Grade 9

September 13—Grade 10

September 18—Grade 11

September 20—Grade 12



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### PSAT TEST

Saturday, October 20th  
NCS Multi-purpose Room  
8:45 a.m.

The test is over two hours in length, plus 30 minutes of student information to complete prior to the test.

**TO REGISTER:** Bring a check for \$15.00 (payable to NCS) to the ILP front desk between October 1st and October 18th. (\*Please write your student's full name on the Memo line of your check)

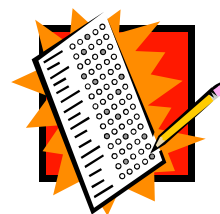
If you have questions, please make an appointment with Emily Marchant-West, NCS Counselor.

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) will be administered at Natomas Charter School on Saturday, October 20th, 2007 in the Multipurpose Room at 8:45 A.M. It is important for college-bound juniors and sophomores to take this test to prepare for the SAT Reasoning Test. The SAT is a required exam for entrance to most four-year colleges and must be taken by December of a student's senior year. The PSAT also gives feedback about critical academic skills and enters juniors into scholarship competitions. The PSAT measures skills in three basic academic areas; reading, math problem solving, and writing skills, that have developed over many years both in and out of school. Students do not have to recall facts from literature, history, or science, or write out math formulas, as this test measures reasoning and critical thinking skills. The fee for the PSAT is \$15.00 and a check can be made out to NCS. Please remember to put your student's full name in the Memo Line of your check and bring this to the front office between October 1st and October 18th.

Also remind your student to:

- Get a good nights rest
- Eat a nutritional breakfast
- Bring bottled water to the test
- Dress in layers (the Multipurpose room is typically cold)

Bring an approved scientific or graphing calculator



### SAT

The last dates for seniors to take their SATs are fast approaching. The December SAT is the last opportunity for students who are applying to a four year college for Fall 2008 to take the SAT. Students applying to four-year colleges must take the SAT Reasoning Test and two SAT Subject Tests. We always encourage students to begin taking their SATs during their junior year to have enough time to take the SAT and the two SAT Subject Tests and have a chance to retake the tests if necessary. To sign up for the SAT please go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or stop by the counseling office in the media center to pick up a registration packet. Don't forget to have your scores sent to the schools that you are applying to. Please note the important SAT dates and deadlines below:

2007-2008 Test Date	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 6, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	September, 10, 2007	September 14, 2007
November 3, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 2, 2007	October 11, 2007
December 1, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2007	November 8, 2007

For registration and more information on the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Our school CEEB code is **052803**. This will ensure that NCS receives your test scores! Other helpful websites are: [CSUmentor.com](http://CSUmentor.com) and [Universityofcalifornia.edu](http://Universityofcalifornia.edu)

## ILP Office Hours

**Monday: 9am - 4pm**  
**Tuesday - Friday: 8am - 4pm**



Natomas Charter School  
Individualized Learning Program  
4600 Blackrock Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95835

Phone: (916) 928-5343  
Fax: (916) 928-5339  
Email: lbariel@natomas.k12.ca.us

## Learning Center Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9am - 3pm**  
(closed during lunch hour)

*Striving to serve students as  
individuals . . .*

## **Teacher Office Hours**

Last year the teachers provided tutoring during office hours and many students found this helpful. All the teachers will have a set office hour when she/he will be available and ready to answer questions. This year the teachers will hold their office hours in the ILP Office to allow for more individual attention and tutoring. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to get one-on-one help in all subject areas without making an appointment.

Teacher	Subject	Day	Time
Mrs. Williams	Math	Monday	1 - 2 pm
Mrs. Angelone	World History, US History, Gov't/Econ	Tuesday	2 - 3 pm
Mr. Del Monte	Web Design	Tuesday	2 - 3 pm
Ms. DeWolfe	English	Wednesday	11 am - 12pm
Mrs. Ash	Math & Business Technology	Thursday	10:10 - 11 am
Mrs. Bariel	English, History, Math, Senior Project	Thursday	1-2 pm
Ms. Bauman	Science, Health, PE, ASL	Friday	10 - 11 am

## **ILP Staff Contact Information**

Teacher	Subject	Ext.	Email
ILP Office (D5)	Main Number	928-5343	
Mrs. Igel	ILP Office Manager/Registrar	111	cigel@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mrs. Bariel	Program Coordinator	112	lbariel@natomas.k12.ca.us
Ms. Bauman	Science, Health, ASL	269	cbauman@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mr. Del Monte	Web Design		aadelmonte@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mrs. DeWolfe	English	271	edewolfe@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mrs. Freeman	Learning Center (D4)	273	lfreeman@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mrs. Angelone	History	270	kangelone@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mrs. Ash	Math & Technology	268	jash@natomas.k12.ca.us
Mrs. Williams	Math	267	awilliams@natomas.k12.ca.us