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## **Archbishop Hanna High School Welcomes Back Students**

**SONOMA, CA — August 25, 2017** — Classes at Archbishop Hanna High School, which first opened its doors to students in 1949, began on August 21, 2017 at Hanna Boys Center’s Sonoma campus. The school is home to about 100 boys in grades eight through 12. Hanna Boys Center is a therapeutic residential school for at-risk young men, many from underserved and disadvantaged communities, primarily in Northern California.

Opening day of school ceremonies for Archbishop Hanna included a special address in the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel by Hanna’s Chairman of the Board, Tullus Miller. Mr. Miller addressed the students on taking ownership of their own futures and being accountable for their own self-care. Principal Dennis Crandall also introduced his 2017-18 theme for students: Together We’re Better – Preparing for the Future.

“Archbishop Hanna offers a learning environment unlike any other high school in this area,” said Principal Crandall. “The majority of Hanna’s boys have experienced high levels of adversity and toxic stress, and come to our school with a variety of behavioral and learning challenges. A typical Hanna boy has difficulties at home, has fallen behind in school and struggles with interpersonal relationships. These experiences often result in strained family relationships as well as long-term academic and social problems. We’ve worked with at-risk teens for more than 70 years, and are committed to providing

every student with the education and tools they need to succeed. Our highly-trained faculty is here to help educate, as well as restore these young men and strengthen their families.”

All boys receive a comprehensive educational assessment to better understand their strengths and challenges, and build a comprehensive educational plan. Principal Crandall and his teachers provide students individualized attention and help in specially-designed small class sizes. The school is fully accredited through both the Western Catholic Educational Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and tuition is based upon each family’s ability to pay; no boy is ever denied admission for financial reasons.

In addition to traditional academics, Hanna students take classes in foreign language, music, vocational and agricultural programs—all while learning practical, vital life skills, and developing respect for their community and Hanna’s faith traditions. Hanna boys also have opportunities to participate in athletic programs including baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball and wrestling.

Families interested in learning more about Hanna should contact [Hanna’s Admissions Department](#) @ 707-933-2515. To get started on the application process, visit <https://www.hannacenter.org/application.aspx>

### **About Hanna Boys Center**

Since 1945, Hanna Boys Center has changed the lives of thousands of at-risk, motivated youth through faith, education and caring, helping them grow into productive members of society. Hanna exists to help at-risk teens overcome the effects of childhood adversity—to become responsible, productive adults and realize their highest potential. We do this by providing a nurturing and therapeutic residential environment, a tailored educational model, and trained, caring adults who help kids create positive, permanent change in their lives. [www.hannacenter.org](http://www.hannacenter.org)

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