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Dear Warrior Family,

We want to share some very important information regarding our new class schedule format we will be implementing for the Middle and High School for the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

Our goal was to build a schedule that would:

- 1) increase instructional time
- 2) set up our students for academic success
- 3) protect our strong extracurricular programs and electives, and
- 4) help us create a more balanced master schedule with greater class offerings throughout the day and maximize our classroom, labs, and gym space.

The result is a hybrid block schedule that follows an AB schedule, or as we will call it, a Red/Blue Schedule.

Red/Blue Schedule Nuts & Bolts

- Secondary school day:
 - 8:10 am – 3:25 pm (Elementary will remain 8:00 am – 3:00 pm).
 - Secondary student early morning drop off will be available at 7:00 am.
- Students will take 8 classes over a two-day, Red/Blue schedule.
- Red/Blue Block schedule (see end of document)
 - Students will take 5 classes per day instead of 8 classes.
 - First & last period will be 50-minute classes that meet daily.
 - Middle 3 block periods will be 90-minutes and meet every other day. All 90-minute block classes will meet 5 times every two weeks.
 - Lunch will be 30-minutes. Last lunch will end 12:55 pm (as opposed to 1:45 pm under previous schedule).
- Block classes are not 90-minute lectures. Rather, class time is “chunked” into mini-lecture, discussion, activities, presentations, and guided work. It is highly interactive and engaging.

Preparing for the Block Schedule

- All our current administrators have extensive experience with the block schedule. The vast majority of secondary faculty have taught previously in the block schedule format.
- Faculty will start this spring preparing for the transition to the block schedule via professional development and curriculum mapping. Professional development will continue over the summer, during fall orientation, and throughout next year.



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE RED/BLUE HYBRID BLOCK SCHEDULE?

Improved Test Scores & Learning Opportunities

- Research indicates that students tend to perform better on standardized tests with the implementation of the block schedule because of increased instructional time enables the student to go into greater depth of learning. (Class time is increased from 45-minutes to 50-minutes for daily classes and to 90-minutes for block classes).
- Labs, art classes, and Career Technical Education (CTE) classes benefit from extended time.
- More time for in-class writing and deeper discussions strengthens academic rigor.
- We are able to offer the full range of classes throughout the entire day and provide greater flexibility as we create more pathways for students in the future.

More Family Time & Less Student Stress

- Students have the SAME amount of schoolwork, but usually take less work home due to fewer classes per day and the additional class time afforded in class to complete assignments.
- Block schedule: 5 classes per day as opposed to 8 classes and usually 1-2 classes are electives.
 - Students who are in extracurriculars (i.e. athletics, fine arts, STEAM) truly benefit from the block schedule. In a traditional schedule, the student who comes home from a game or performance at 9 pm might still have 7-8 classes that have homework due the following day. In the block schedule, students would only have a maximum of 5 classes in any given day AND 1 -2 of those classes would be athletics or an elective AND the block classes homework wouldn't be due to the next time the class meets giving them an extra day to get the work done.
- Students who need additional assistance in one of their block courses can see their teacher on their non-scheduled day of class to receive help before their assignments are due.

College Preparation

- Block schedule simulates the type of schedule that students will see in college.
- Block schedule with extended class time paves the way for future online dual credit courses in addition to our robust AP program.
- As we continue to add CTE classes, the extra time allows students to engage in more “hands on” learning.

Spiritually/Relationally

- The increased class time allows for greater relationship building, unpacking of ideas, and critical thinking. All of which are vital to the WHOLE person growth we seek to foster within our students.
- The new schedule enables us to do more with our weekly chapel time. Our students are hungry for God and love to worship and hear God's Word.



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Athletically:

- The block schedule allows us to maximize space and scheduling.
- MS athletics will remain 1st period and before school.
- HS athletics for most sports will be last period of the day.
 - Some HS sports will have their athletic period during the day and meet after school on days their athletic period does not meet. This helps us maximize gym, field, and locker room facilities.
- Athletics and Band will remain first and last periods of the day to allow for these classes to meet every day.

(See Block Schedule below)

MS/HS Block Bell Schedule 2024 – 2025

Red Day		Blue Day
1 st Period	8:10 – 9:00	1 st Period
Passing	9:00 – 9:05	Passing
2 nd Period & Announcements	9:05 – 10:40	3 rd Period & Announcements
4 th Period	<p><u>A Lunch</u> 10:45 – 11:15 Lunch 11:20 – 12:55 Class</p> <p><u>B Lunch</u> 10:45 – 11:15 Class 11:20 – 11:50 Lunch 11:55 – 12:55 Class</p> <p><u>C Lunch</u> 10:45 – 11:45 Class 11:50 – 12:20 Lunch 12:25 – 12:55 Class</p> <p><u>D Lunch</u> 10:45 – 12:20 Class 12:25 – 12:55 Lunch</p>	5 th Period
6 th Period	1:00 – 2:30	7 th Period
Passing	2:30 – 2:35	Passing
8 th Period	2:35 – 3:25	8 th Period