



News from the Principal

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer

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LPHS Students, Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, LPHS transitioned to a semester format to better serve students and improve delivery of program during the 2018-2019 school year. One component of that change is how the school year and day is organized. In a semester format the school year is divided into two 18-week terms (9 week quarters) and the day is now composed of 7 class periods. The purpose of this communication is to communicate some changes that are being made to the daily bell schedule since the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Much time and energy was spent preparing for the semester format change including studying various schedule options, discussing pros and cons of many different schedules, researching other school schedules, considering staff and extra-curricular schedules, and much more. The transition to a new schedule was a giant task!

All of this work led to the 7 period school day schedule with Slicer Resource Time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We began this school year in the new schedule and our students and staff have done well adjusting to it. The schedule has some clear benefits, but like any schedule it is not perfect. There are many moving parts and complexities that need to be considered which is the purpose of this parent/student communication. Dismissal and transportation schedules have been affected which is why the high school has had to temporarily dismiss five minutes early instead of 2:35p.m. as the schedule notes. The district has been monitoring this adjustment and through monitoring transportation routes we have found that a permanent change will need to be made to the high school's dismissal time. To address the matter the 7 period day schedule is being adjusted in order to dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Please note that the school starting time is not changing. Students need to be in first hour by 7:25 a.m., the start of 1st period. More information about the change follows.

What is happening?

LPHS will be changing the daily bell schedule in order to dismiss school at 2:30 p.m.. The school day will still consist of 7 class periods, but instead of Slicer Resource Time being every other day, students will attend a shorter SRT every day of the week. There will not be a rotating schedule every other day. We believe this will be a benefit to students.

Who is impacted?

Students, staff, and parents will follow a new 7-period bell schedule that includes Slicer Resource Time each day of the week.

Why is this being done?

The adjusted 7-period bell schedule will be one consistent schedule for students, staff, and parents to follow. The change is needed to dismiss at 2:30 p.m in order to support overall district transportation schedules.

How will this impact me?

Students and staff will follow a 7-period bell schedule with Slicer Resource Time Monday-Friday.

When will the new schedule begin?

The bells are programmed to start on Wednesday, August 29.

As with any change, we will participate in on-going reflection and analysis and make adjustments as necessary.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Tonagel, Principal