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High School District 214 Calendar Update (August 2017)

The survey and listening session feedback was consistent and overwhelming across staff, students, parents, parents of future students and community members – our community desired to start school in mid-August, begin the day at a later time and have first semester exams prior to Winter Break.

We believe we have created a school calendar that does just that.

2017-18 School Year and Start Times

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, all students will start on Wednesday, August 16. The day will begin later for most of our students. Please contact your school for specific bell schedules.

Exams and Breaks

Winter Break begins after first semester exams end on Thursday, December 21. Spring Break will continue to take place the last full week in March, which has been our long-standing practice. We will finish the school year with final exams for underclassmen the week after Memorial Day weekend.

Graduation

Graduations will continue to occur the weekend prior to the school year ending, which would now occur on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. This is consistent with many other school districts and allows travel time for extended families.

Family Weekends and Breaks

Unless it is a unique and special circumstance, no homework should be assigned or graded during Homecoming Weekend, Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Presidents Day Weekend and Spring Break. This approach will lead to healthier and more productive individuals who continue to embody the innovation and hard work we are proud of within our schools.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Rather than hosting Parent Teacher Conferences on only a Thursday evening, we will be having two hours of Parent Teacher Conferences on a Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will then have three hours on Friday morning for Parent Teacher Conferences from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Activity Buses

In reviewing our after-school activities, the majority of our non-every day weekly activity meetings and/or the majority of our after-school activities occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As a result, our after school activity buses will run three days a week this year on Tuesdays through Thursdays. Students will still be able to take the late bus home if an activity is scheduled on a Monday or a Friday.

Open House

For the upcoming year, Open House will remain on a Wednesday. We will continue to monitor and review in future years.

We encourage our families to provide feedback on the calendar to school administrators, who will relay all messages to our Calendar Committee as it meets during the 2017-18 school year.

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