

Hello all,

The beginning of the school year is just a week away on Thursday, September 9. We had a great two days of faculty orientation and our teachers left it feeling energized and ready to meet your child in just a few short days.

This week's update contains the following:

- Full year schedules posted on Aspen
- Chromebook Agreement Form (for Grade 9 and transfer students)
- Student Schedule Frequently Asked Questions

### Full Year Schedules Posted on Aspen

A PDF version of your schedule is now available on Aspen. This schedule lists your blocks and teachers and shows them in a grid. Please use this schedule on the first day of school on Thursday, September 9.

Note that some classes may meet during the same block, but at different times of the year. Here is an example:

[S1] Intro to Business ACP - G
[Q4] Ninth-Grade Health - G
[Q3] Ninth-Grade Wellness - G

In this example, the student is taking Intro to Business during first semester (quarter 1 and quarter 2), Ninth-Grade Wellness during quarter 3, and Ninth-Grade Health during quarter 4. While all three of these classes are in the same box, they do not run at the same time.

If a student has a **major** scheduling error, they should attend Arena day on Friday 9/10 from 2:25 - 3:45 PM. Major schedule errors include:

- Under-enrollment (< 29.75 credits for upperclassmen, < 29.5 credits for grade 9)
- Missing a major course (Math, English, Science, History, World Language, Wellness or a long-standing, high-interest elective like orchestra)
- Double-booked during a block
- For more information about Arena Scheduling and **if** a student should attend, [please see here](#).

Please note that if your schedule change request from earlier in August was approved, it should be reflected on this grid. If you do not see a change, your request was unable to be accommodated due to scheduling constraints or lack of departmental approval.

## **Grade 9 and Transfer Students: Complete the Chromebook Loan Agreement In Order to be Assigned a Chromebook**

If you are a 9th grade student or are transferring to Newton South High School, you will need to sign the Chromebook Loan Agreement form on Aspen to receive a school-issued Chromebook. [Here are instructions on how to complete this form](#). Printable and translated versions of the agreement are also available [here](#).

The district is offering a \$25 [optional repair fund](#) that will cover the cost of any accidental damages incurred throughout the year. This takes the place of the third party insurance model available to high school families in the past. Those who still have active policies with Worth Avenue insurance will continue through the end of the policy term.

Chromebooks will be issued to students who have signed the agreement between Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10.

## **Student Schedule Frequently Asked Questions**

Over the course of the past few weeks, many students have raised thoughtful questions about the schedule that will be in place this school year. To help answer these questions, students, teachers, and administrators collaborated to [create an FAQ document](#) that we hope you will find helpful.

As a reminder, here is a schedule for the [first](#) and [second](#) days of school. As excited as we are to see our students on September 9, please make sure to enjoy your last weekend before the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Go Lions!

Sincerely,

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