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Subject: Morning Building Access and High-school Schedule Pilots -- A Message From: Kenneth Bonamo
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Dear Members of the SHS Community:

I am writing with two important updates regarding high-school building access and the school schedule.

First, beginning Monday, January 14, student and visitor access to the school building will begin every school day at 7:00 a.m. at the three entrances we currently use (on Post Road, at the Brewster Road lobby, and at the athletic entrance). This is one hour later than previously and will align the start time of student and visitor access to the building to the start time of staff who monitor the entrances.

Second, the SHS Schedule Committee has been working to devise a schedule for September 2019 that will provide consistent start and end times to the school day and to the periods in the schedule, as that was the strongest indication from feedback we solicited from students, parents, and teachers last year and that we confirmed in surveys this year.

To that end, we will be piloting [two schedules](#) in the third quarter. Both pilot schedules will have an envelope of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday - Thursday) and 8:00 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. (Friday). The first schedule pilot will have a daily homeroom and will be run for three weeks from January 28 through February 15. The second schedule pilot will have a five-minute common tutorial period instead of homeroom on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and will be run for three weeks from March 11 through March 28. The common tutorial period is designed to provide a time when all students and teachers are unassigned and thus available to work on classwork or extracurricular activities. A follow-up survey will be administered after each pilot. Data from the follow-up surveys and the use of the common tutorial periods will be used to determine how to proceed in creating a schedule for September 2019.

Thus for the two months between January 28 and March 28, the schedule will change three times. Although the changes are small in terms of minutes, the inconsistency and successive changes may prove challenging. We ask for your forbearance as we pursue the greater goal of determining how best to use the time we have together in school. Your feedback will be a critical component of this process.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these changes. All best wishes for health and happiness in the new year.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

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