



DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL

2017 GOLD RIBBON SCHOOL

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Dear Dublin Families:

Thanks to all of you who braved the cold last week to enjoy Future Freshman Family Night/Open House. It was a tremendous night and such a celebration of the learning that has occurred this year. As we are wrapping up student scheduling, I want to make you aware of the following:

2019-2020 Schedule: This Friday 2/15, is the last day for students to access the portal for class selection. When reviewing next year with your student, please take into consideration that we strive to develop healthy and well rounded students. As a staff, **we highly recommend limiting the the number of AP/Honors classes to no more than three.** We see a significant increase in the stress level of students after this point. Sleep for adolescents must be a priority and the time involved in studying for more than three AP/Honors classes makes this a struggle. We want to grow students academically as well as allow them to explore and follow their passions while trying new things. Please work with them on achieving this balance. High school should be preparation for the next level and we are here to guide and support our students. If high school life is too overwhelming, students need to be willing to slow down. **Please also remember that March 30th is the last day to drop a class for next year. Choose wisely!**

GAEL period: We are thrilled to continue to offer the supports of our GAEL period. We are grateful to the community for supporting the parcel tax that funds this and so many other programs in the districts. We have tutors available from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm daily including during the GAEL period. Unfortunately, in order to balance classes equitably, **seniors will no longer be guaranteed a first or seventh GAEL.** Seniors should plan their work schedules accordingly.

Upcoming Schedules: [March Block Schedule and April SBAC:](#) As a staff we have been discussing the merits as well as challenges of moving to a block schedule in the future. Based on staff surveys, there is support to move in this direction. In order to help us make a more informed decision, we will be implementing a block schedule (two days a week) for the three weeks before **Spring Break (March 11-29)**. When we return from Spring Break, we will be gearing up for our SBAC testing for 11th graders. To best accommodate the testing, we will have a block schedule on four days of the week. The link above gives you both schedules. Please note the following changes: 1. Block Schedule: Wednesdays will have an early dismissal. 2. SBAC: Both Wednesdays and Fridays will have early dismissals.

Thanks as always for allowing us to educate your GAELs. They are amazing individuals and we are honored to work with them. Thanks for your continued support.

Gratefully a GAEL,
Maureen Byrne