

## Suggestions for Freshmen on Your First Day of School

- **Lunch schedule:** figure out your lunch schedule for both days and find someone with the same lunch. It is also a good idea to pack your lunch during the first week of school because the cafeteria lines tend to be long at the beginning of the school year.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> lunch:** English, Tech Ed. and Family Science
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> lunch:** Math, Business, Humanities (B-Day)
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> lunch:** Social Studies, Foreign Language, Humanities (A-Day)
  - **4<sup>th</sup> lunch:** Science, Art, Music, Health/PE
- **Buses:** they will most likely be late on the first day, be patient and make sure *you* are on time to make everything flow smoother. Buses are not called individually; everyone leaves at the same time (3:15).
- **What to bring:** pencil or pen, notebook paper, a folder, your lunch or a little money (in case you want to buy our famous ice cream). In high school you do not receive a supply list. Teachers will tell you what you need to bring to their classes during the first week of school. All teachers will be asking students to write down homework assignments and long term projects in their *Time-Tracker* (Agenda). The cost is \$5.00 to freshmen (\$8 to upperclassmen) and any 9<sup>th</sup> grade student who is on free or reduced lunch will receive a Time-Tracker at no cost. These will be on sale during homeroom the first week of school and throughout the year for parents and students (who may have lost theirs).
- **Homeroom:** know where your homeroom is located; this is where you will be reporting during the first few days of school. You will also report to homeroom every 6 weeks to receive your progress report (in middle school it was called a midterm).
- **Watch your time (there are clocks everywhere):** there are no bells. You have five minutes between classes and you can make it to class on time!
- **School map:** if you need to use a map, do so. Sometimes it helps to “color code” your classes using a highlighter to color your “A” Day classes and your “B” Day classes (or you may want to color each class a different color). It also helps to write “up” or “down” beside each classroom (this way you will know whether your class is upstairs or down). Remember 100-400 classrooms are downstairs and 500-900 classes are upstairs.
- **Backpacks:** some students prefer to use two backpacks, one for A day and one for B day. If you choose this idea, you may also want to purchase an extra time tracker, so you do not have to remember to change it from backpack to backpack each day. Remember, time trackers are required to be used in every class.

- **Building temperature:** you might want to bring a jacket/sweatshirt to keep in your locker; the building can get very cold at times.