



New Daily Schedule FAQs

What is Collaboration/Flex Period?

More time is allotted for collaboration and flexibility in the new schedule. The Collaboration/Flex period is a 25-minute period of time attached to each class period twice per cycle. This offers several benefits. Science teachers will use the Flex period to extend the regular 65-minute period into a 90-minute lab period. When a student's science class does not meet adjacent to a Flex period, that time can be used to receive extra help from a teacher, collaborate with a classmate on an assignment, study, or read. Occasionally, with advance notice, a teacher may use the period for additional instruction.

Does Conference Period (CP) still exist in the new schedule?

Yes. In the Upper School, each academic day ends with a 45-minute CP. In the Middle School, Forms I and II will have a rotating CP 5 out of the 7 days of a cycle. Unlike our present schedule, this CP period will NOT conflict with musical groups. Grade 6 ends each day with a 35-minute CP.

Will the new schedule impact homework loads?

Currently, students may be required to prepare for 5 or 6 classes in an evening. Under the new schedule, only 4 class periods will meet each day. This means that students *would* have to prepare for, at most, 4 classes the next day.

Will courses currently being offered be eliminated due to the new schedule?

The new schedule accommodates the current curriculum and enables us to implement enhancements.

Will students be able to take the same number of courses that they can currently take?

Yes. In the Middle School there is no change in the number of courses that a student can take. In the Upper School, lab science classes will no longer utilize 2 periods out of our current 8. Therefore, a student should be able to take the same course load in the new 7-period schedule.

How will changes in schedule days be announced?

We will post the letter day and share a calendar with the letter days so students can plan in advance.

What time does the school day begin and end?

The Upper School's attendance period begins at 8:05 a.m. and the first class begins at 8:10 a.m. The Middle School's academic day begins at 8:05 a.m. The "end of day" timing in our new schedule is the same as the "end of day" timing in our old schedule.