



SHS Schedule Highlights

Day 1
9-4-19

In an effort to keep parents informed about how things are going with our new schedule, we will be sending out daily highlights of things that worked well and things that might need to be addressed based on feedback from students. We'll keep it brief and to the point so this should be easy to read. Here are a few takeaways from today:

- We made it through Day 1 and all measures point to the fact that we had a great day.*
- Community Lunch, while not perfect, was a big success given that it was brand new. We were able to move all students through both the Cafeteria and Commons lunch lines in under 20 minutes, leaving plenty of time and food for us to serve more students. Please encourage your child to use the pre-order there lunch using the **NutrisliceApp** to limit the wait time in line. Students can order their lunch (using the online menus) up to 5 days in advance, and for 5 days in a row should they choose. The deadline each day to order is 45 minutes prior to the start of lunch. Reminder: Students must get a confirmation message indicating that the order was submitted.*
- Our Community Lunch is certainly testing social norms and a social hierarchy that exists at SHS, as we had reports of upperclass students telling underclass students they shouldn't be eating in the Commons. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. There are plenty of spaces within the school for students to sit and have lunch and ALL students should feel comfortable going to any part of the school without being harassed. In the moment, we adjusted by bringing in additional chairs to accommodate a larger group of students. Space, however, is limited in both the Commons and Cafeteria and our expectation is that students will be flexible while being respectful of one another.*
- Many students took advantage of the various spaces we have provided for them to spend their lunch - including the Library, Student Life Center, and the Lower Gym. As a reminder, students may choose to sit in hallways, in the windows sills of upper and lower B-wing, the main hallway and old lobby seating areas, the patio at the front of school, and the area outside the library. Again, there is plenty of space for students once they find their location of choice.*
- There was a minor conflict with some rooms and classes today (very minimal) that we unfortunately didn't catch this summer as we finalized our schedule. This is not a function of the new schedule, but rather an outcome of building a complex master schedule for 1100 high school students. Please know that those issues are being addressed immediately and will be rectified in a timely fashion with minimal impact to student schedules.*
- Our students today showed flexibility and patience as we all adjust to this new schedule. We thank them for their positive attitudes.*
- As a reminder, if you would like to provide us with feedback or address any issues your child may face, please send an email to schedulefeedbackSHS@somersschools.org.*

We would like to thank the parent volunteers who were here today to provide support as well as the amazing staff from our Food Services who went above and beyond in helping prepare food and serve students in a timely fashion.

The SHS Administration