



# SHS Schedule Highlights

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Day 5  
9-10-19

*Each day gets better and better. We have had students, parents, and staff members, both instructional and non-instructional, stop us to tell us that they are really enjoying the new schedule. Yes, there are some who still question the “why” behind this. Please know we welcome all feedback and will keep working to improve and address any issues that are raised. We received one comment today from a staff member sharing how impressed they were with our kids, how they are keeping the school clean and being incredibly respectful. This is a testament to the great kids we have at SHS who make us proud every day. Here are today’s highlights:*

- ***If there is only one lunch, why is it so early?*** The Community Lunch divides our school day directly in half, allowing for rotating classes in the morning and afternoon while also allowing students to still take classes at BOCES. A later lunch period would just not have worked. It’s worth noting that the Community Lunch period coincides almost exactly with Periods 5&6 last year, so we haven’t made lunch any earlier than in our previous schedule.
- ***My child says he/she is still forced to either stand or sit on the floor to eat. How can we avoid that?*** Again, there are plenty of seating areas throughout the building where students can eat since instruction is not taking place during lunch. If a student is having trouble finding a place to sit to eat, please encourage them to speak to an administrator or any one of our monitors and we will assist them. The students who are sitting on the floor are choosing to do so, as many have done in the past.
- ***What schedule will students follow in the event of a 2- or 3-hour delay?*** All the special bell schedules are posted on our website. In the event of a 2- or 3-hour delay, classes will be shortened, but the Community Lunch period will remain the same length to allow students ample time to eat. Classes will meet according to the day of the cycle.
- ***What happens if we have a snow day or emergency closing?*** As in the past, if we miss school due to inclement weather or as the result of an emergency closure, we will simply skip that day of the cycle. The cycle day calendar is also posted on our website under Back to School documents.
- ***What can students do to keep themselves occupied during the Community Lunch?*** We will be hosting a variety of activities throughout the lunch period. As a reminder, the Lower Gym will be open every day for students to shoot hoops and there are gaming systems in the Student Life Center for students to play. In addition, our PE department will be hosting various tournaments throughout the year, Mrs. Drysdale will be hosting “Book Talks” in the library, and Ms. O’Shea will be providing various “Lunch and Learn” opportunities for students. We will begin posting all scheduled activities on our website and on Schoology so that students and parents are aware of what is going on around the school.

We appreciate all the feedback and questions we have been receiving and encourage parents and students to contact us at [schedulefeedbackSHS@somersschools.org](mailto:schedulefeedbackSHS@somersschools.org) with questions or concerns. We will continue sharing our responses through this format. This is much more productive than using social media to voice concerns.

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