



SHS Schedule Highlights

Day 3
9-6-19

As we close out our first week of school, I have to say that most of the feedback we are getting regarding the new schedule has been positive and students are adjusting nicely. In walking around the building today, including during the Community Lunch, there was an overwhelmingly upbeat sense among the students. For today's highlights, we're going to try to address head on some of the critical feedback and questions that we have been receiving.

- ***The lunch lines are chaotic and my child can't get lunch.** This is simply not true. The line in the Commons today was completely empty within 12 minutes and in the cafeteria the same was true in just under 20 minutes. There is plenty of food and time for kids to eat lunch, so there should be no fear on our students part that they won't get fed or will have to wait in lines for a long time. Also, for any child worried about this, they can pre-order their lunch through the Nutrislice App to avoid waiting in line.*
- ***My child was forced to eat lunch on the floor.** Again, this couldn't be further from the truth. Today, there were plenty of seats available in the Cafeteria, the Atrium, the Main Office Lobby, the outside patio, and upper and lower B wing where students can eat lunch without sitting on the floor. In fact, anecdotally, there was a large group of students who were sitting on the floor in the atrium directly next to a completely empty row of chairs. If students are sitting on the floor with their friends, they are choosing to do so, which was true in our old schedule as well.*
- ***Where can my child go if they want a quiet space?** The library has created quiet spaces for students who want to work/study. They can use the Glassroom (when available) and the Conference Room. In addition, students can go to the Academic Support Center and the College and Career Center.*
- ***With everyone eating lunch at the same time, we are violating fire codes.** Although everyone has lunch at the same time, we have not exceeded occupancy limits in any of the spaces available to students during Community Lunch.*

Again, our parent volunteers from the PTA have been a tremendous help all week. Our Food Services staff has done an amazing job. We are so impressed with the way our students have taken responsibility for cleaning up after themselves and we applaud and appreciate their efforts. Again, we please ask that you share any feedback or concerns with us via email at schedulefeedbackSHS@somersschools.org. Have a great weekend.!!!

The SHS Administration