



ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Good Morning Raiders! TGIF! We are finishing up week three of the '21-'22 school year Raider Nation today!

I have enjoyed getting into classrooms this week and seeing our students engaged in high quality learning experiences again. Hands on labs, collaborative group work, monitored assessments, and face to face interactions between teachers and students. I am so thankful to have our students back in our classrooms, and although I cannot see smiles due to mask wearing, I have heard a lot of joy and laughter again in our classrooms and hallways. It is wonderful to witness again the social aspect of schooling that we all missed so much during virtual learning last year.

Reminder that with the Fulton County Schools grading policy changes, our progress reports have changed this year to be at the 4 ½ week, 9 week and 13 ½ week time periods instead of our usual 6-week and 12-week time periods. As such, the grading period for the first progress report ends on September 8th and will be posted on September 13th. This is much earlier than usual, so students be certain to have all your assignments submitted on time so your progress report will accurately reflect your hard work these first few weeks of school.

As you know, we closely monitor our enrollment counts at the beginning of the year in Fulton County Schools. At the 10th day of school, our student enrollment came in officially at 2,193 students, about 70 more students than our projections. As such, Alpharetta High School has gained 2 teaching positions. Next week, we will hear more from our district leaders regarding these additions. Please know that because we are over enrollment projections, some of our class sizes are currently too large, and once we receive our new allotment, we will have to create some classes and make some class changes. Please know we will do all we can to limit the negative effect of schedule changes for students, but we will be required to get our class sizes within the state guidelines in order to receive funding for our school. All students and parents will be notified if a student's schedule is affected by these changes.

Reminder that we have an AHS Balance Night on Tuesday, August 31st and an **AHS Late Start Wednesday next Wednesday, September 1st**. AHS will have a 2-hour delayed start on September 1st where students with their own transportation may come to school 2 hours later than usual and those who need to ride the bus will come at the regular time but engage in a 2-hour supervised study hall in the AHS cafeteria or Media Center.

Reminder also that Fridays and Mondays, we have advisement during 5th period, which is the 12:09 – 12:39 time period. Advisement is required this year for all students as we implement Fulton County Schools' Student Success Skills. Juniors and Seniors, Off Campus lunch privilege does not pertain to Fridays and Mondays.

Senior parents and students, on behalf of our counseling team, we apologize that Friday's live senior meeting did not work as expected. Parents of seniors were e-mailed the presentation on Monday. We will be hosting the Microsoft Live event today during advisement for senior students and parents. Today, parents will be able to ask questions in the chat box and our counselors will be able to provide answers live. Advisement teachers and senior parents should have received an e-mail from our counseling office with the updated link to join the meeting virtually today, and the recorded presentation is on our main page of the AHS website.

Another reminder that our Curriculum Night will be virtual this year and is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th at 7:00pm. Our freshman parent meeting will also be a virtual event and will begin at 6:00pm on September 9th





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immediately preceding Curriculum Night. More details on how to access the Freshmen meeting, my Live Curriculum Night presentation and teacher videos will come next week.

Best of luck to our Varsity football team that traveled to Alabama to take on Hoover tonight!

That's all for today, Raiders! Stay Safe!

