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Good Afternoon Raiders,

This message is coming to you from AHS Principal Kersey. This is a reminder that this evening, Tuesday, August 31st is an AHS Balance Night. This means that our faculty and students will not have any afterschool academic meetings. Additionally, our students will not have homework tonight and will not have any assessments tomorrow. We hope our students get a night to rest and relax with family and friends!

Please know that when we developed Balance Nights years ago, our community desired that our coaches and program sponsors would have discretion in terms of whether or not to hold athletic or extracurricular activities on Balance Nights since those sports and programs are often what truly bring our students joy! So, please look to your sponsor or coach regarding whether there is practice this evening.

Additionally, tomorrow, Wednesday September 1st is an AHS Late Start Wednesday. Our AHS School Governance Council created Late Start Wednesdays to support our teachers with additional time for meeting the increasing demands of their jobs while at the same time offering our students additional time for rest, studying or community service. On Late Start Wednesdays, AHS has a 2-hour delayed start, with 1st period beginning at 10:20 a.m. tomorrow.

Please note that busses run at the regular time on Late Start Days. Again, busses run at regular time on Late Start Days. So, the two-hour delay to school is only for those who have their own transportation to school for a 10:20am start. If a student must ride the bus, then the bus will run at the typical time around 7:30 in the morning, and students will be directed to the cafeteria or media center for a supervised study hall. Students should bring work for this study hall time.

Please note that on Late Start Days the car pool drop off is much heavier than usual, so car riders must plan accordingly allowing for 10-20 more minutes for your school commute. Students arriving on campus before 10:10 a.m. tomorrow will be directed to the cafeteria, and all students will be released to go to class at 10:10 a.m.

The Late Start Wednesday bell schedule is an adjusted bell schedule and includes all 6 academic class periods. Please note we do not have Anchor Time on Late Start Wednesdays and lunches are only 40 minutes long. As such, our upperclassmen do not have off campus lunch privileges on Late Start Wednesdays. Again, our upperclassmen cannot leave for lunch tomorrow. The Late Start Wednesday bell schedule may be accessed on our school website and was mailed home in my summer mailer.

Raiders, please enjoy your AHS Balance Night tonight and our Late Start Wednesday tomorrow.

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

