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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

The waning weeks of August signal that school is set to begin shortly. I hope you all have had a good summer and that that you are ready to start thinking about high school again and what it is you want to accomplish this year.

We have a new schedule this year and we will have to see how it works and make refinements as we go along. I am excited by it and hope you are too. The new schedule for students is 8:45 A.M. - 3:15 P.M. Every Thursday morning, at 7:45 – 8:45 (time may be subject to change) there will be an extra-help block where teachers will be available to support students with their class work. Classes are now a little over an hour and Activity block and Advisory will rotate every other week.

We will keep open campus for this year but will be tightening it up considerably. The consequences for violating open campus – especially for freshmen and sophomores – will be consistently enforced, including loss of the privilege, detention and suspension. **The privilege to leave campus is for juniors and seniors only.** Freshmen and sophomores are to remain on campus at all times (and yes this includes NOT ordering Uber or Lyft services from behind the school).

This year I want to begin the process of eliminating weighted GPA's. They serve no useful purpose and most colleges and universities have their own calculation process. Wayland High School moved to eliminate GPA last year and Lexington High School eliminated them several years ago. See the high school improvement plan to read more about our goals for the next 1-2 years at [WHS-SIP-2018](#).

We have new faculty in the English, Math, Science, and Special Education, and World Languages Departments. I am excited for what these new staff will bring to our school community.

I look forward to seeing freshmen and new students Thursday, August 30th and all students Tuesday, September 4th. There will be class meetings for seniors, juniors, and sophomores with Ms. Flynn and me during the lunch blocks on the 4th.

This will be a great year! Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer vacation.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Parker", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Anthony Parker
Principal