



# WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello Weston Wildcat Students and Families-

Two school days until a much-deserved, much-needed school vacation. We really truly want you to find some time to breathe, refresh, renew, and to step away from school related work during that time. With that said, we wanted to provide direction for where we will be schedule wise upon our return for the final weeks of the 20-21 school year. At this time, we once again find ourselves in a place of change during this truly wild ride of a year.

Following extensive discussions with department heads, directors, WEA, Case house, and many many student representatives and leaders, we have decided to move forward with a shift to the 5 x 8 schedule starting on MONDAY, MAY 3. (Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors...this was the schedule you used B.C. 'Before Corona', and Freshman, this will be your schedule for the beginning of next year as well).

Monday and Tuesday, April 27th & 28th will be a continuation of our current schedule-8:30-1:00 with four blocks and no lunch. Wednesday-Friday, April 28th-30th our school day will be extended to 8:45-3:15, using our current four block rotation, with 85 minute blocks and three lunch periods. Our goal for this week will be to focus on preparing for and implementing having lunch at school.

The week of May 3 we will then implement the 8 day, 5 block schedule. We will provide schedule specifics, including visuals, prior to the 26th for all of these changes.

Some of the key factors in the decision were:

- Much concern from students, faculty members, and administrators about the 85-minute blocks. It's a long time to teach, a long time to learn, and an especially long time to have a study hall (or two)
- Faculty/staff and/or students may have 4 straight 85 minute blocks
- Increases student movement when the building is frequently hot
- Allows freshmen to experience the 5 x 8 schedule
- Student leadership voices shared their strong desire for shorter blocks and less monotony in the schedule. They preferred the 'newness' of each day found in a rotation

We hope this quick overview and announcement helps to set the stage for our final act of the 2020-21 school year. Enjoy your break! Reach out at any time!

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