

## New bell schedule starts Monday, 11/15

Good afternoon, parents. Glen Ridge High School will transition to a bell schedule similar to what we ran before the pandemic, beginning Monday, November 15th. The arrival of cold weather will soon prevent us from requiring students to go outside during lunch periods. We need to return to staggering lunches as we did before the pandemic to provide time for custodians to clean the cafeteria between sessions.

The updated bell schedule includes:

- ▶ 42-minute blocks for instruction.
  
- ▶ A return to 30-minute lunch periods, with time between each lunch session for custodians to prepare for the next group.
- ▶ Juniors may continue to leave campus for lunch.
- ▶ Students may still choose to eat lunch outside on the backfield or patio, weather permitting.
- ▶ High School students may purchase snacks from the cafeteria between Middle School lunch periods.
  
- ▶ Start time remains 8am, and dismissal is moved up to 2:43pm. Block 9 is now 2:45 - 3:15.
- ▶ 5 minutes added to period 1 for morning announcements.

The following locations are designated for lunches:

1st lunch (7th grade) - Cafeteria, back field  
2nd lunch (8th grade) - Cafeteria, back field

3rd lunch (High School) - Cafeteria, small gym, patio, back field. The Media Center will be open during the second half of high school lunch.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility with modifying daily routines. We'll continue monitoring operations and make adjustments as we have since the beginning of the pandemic.

Thank you,

**John W. Lawlor**

**Principal**

**Glen Ridge High School**