

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

As we near the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, I want to welcome you back and extend my wishes for a successful school year. You have probably read through your registration materials and have noticed a significant change in our school schedule. On each Thursday of the school year when students are in attendance, we will have either a Blue Late Arrival day (school begins at 8:10 am) or an Orange Late Arrival day (school begins at 9:30 am). In our Buffalo Grove activities calendar the days are listed, and on the inside cover the time schedule is listed.

What is the purpose of these Late Arrival Days?

Over the past several years we have focused on aligning the curriculum to state standards, developing curriculum maps for all of our classes, and training in instructional strategies. Now we will be focusing on learning rather than teaching the prescribed curriculum. As the school year progresses, each educator will be involved in an ongoing conversation to address these three questions:

- What do we want each student to learn?
- How will we know when each student has learned it?
- How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?

We have created Blue and Orange Day schedules to allow teams of teachers to work together to analyze and improve their classroom practice and engage in an ongoing cycle of questions that promote deep team learning. This will require team members to work on goals, strategies, materials, questions, concerns, and results. These discussions are explicitly structured to improve the classroom practice of teachers both individually and collectively.

What does this mean for your student?

On the Blue Day schedule, bus service will be available at the regular time. When your student arrives at Buffalo Grove, the following options are available.

The following areas will be opened to all students:

1. Cafeteria: Breakfast will be served from 7:00 am to 7:50 am. Group and individual study areas will be available
2. Library will open at 7:00 am
3. Computer Labs: Lab 3 in the Library, A110, C107, and A236
4. Fitness Center for workout or PE makeup
5. Resource Areas for test makeups. For Social Studies and BTLs classes, Mr. Mahlman will be in the BTLs area. For Math/Science and English classes, Mr. Klein will be in the Math/Science area.
6. Tutorial Learning Center, Room B101
7. College Career Center
8. Assessment Center
9. IR Resource Rooms

All these areas of the school will be supervised by our adult staff.

On the Orange Days, our traditional Late Arrival schedule will remain the same. The buses will run on the Late Arrival schedule (2 hours later than normal) and the school day will begin at 9:30 am.

The focus for this program is for all students to reach their potential and have equal learning opportunities. As staff addresses these issues and work in their collaborative teams, we hope to ensure that all students will receive the time and support they need to succeed. Our commitment is to ensure learning for all of our students.

Looking forward to an excellent school year!

Sincerely,

Patrice Johannes
Principal