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Daily Bell Schedule

Report to home room 7:40 am

PERIOD/ TIME SUBJECT/ROOM NUMBER

HR (7:45 - 7:55) _____

1 (8:00- 8:40) _____

Page Title	_____
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4 (10:15-10:55) _____

5 (11:00-11:40) _____

6 (11:45-12:25) _____

7 (12:30-1:10) _____

8 (1:15-1:55) _____

9 (2:00-2:40) _____

PM Bus Route _____

Front Bus Port/ Rear Bus Port

(Circle your bus port)

Fill in your schedule using the one available on the
Parent Portal in late August.

**Welcome
Class
of
2015**



Welcome to Shenendehowa High School!

Your ninth grade counselors are looking forward to working with you this year as you begin your high school experience. We hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities available to become involved in your high school. Counselors will meet with students throughout the year both in group and individual meetings. We are here to help you be successful this year.

To start the year off, here is some information you might find helpful.

FIRST DAY ORIENTATION . . .

Where will my bus drop me off in the morning?

All busses stop at both High School East and West in the morning. You should get off at HS West.

What will my first day of school be like?

You will have a full day of orientation to HS West. You will start your day in home room which will be extended longer than usual so that some tasks can be accomplished. Due to the full day orientation, class instruction will be suspended for the entire day. In its place, a varied schedule has been created. Students will follow their schedule and participate in various activities. The cafeteria will be open or you can bring your own lunch.

What do I do when my bus drops me off at school?

When you arrive at HS West about 7:15 am, you can socialize and eat breakfast in the cafeteria, or walk around the building under hall monitor supervision.

How do I find my homeroom?

Your homeroom, which begins at 7:45am, is assigned alphabetically. Some students may be placed in a specialty homeroom. Homeroom assignment information is posted throughout the building. It is also printed on your schedule.

How do I get my schedule the first day of school?

A copy of your most current schedule will be provided for you during extended homeroom on the first day of school.

How do I get my hall locker combination?

During homeroom, on the first day, you will be assigned a hall locker and given its combination. You should try the combination to make sure that it works. If you forget your locker combination stop in the Main Office and see the Class Assistant Principal (CAP) secretary.

Are 9th graders given an agenda book?

Just like in middle school, the school provides all 9th graders with an agenda book.

Will I have homework the first day of school?

Since you will not have your class instruction on the first day, you will not have homework. You should be prepared the next day for a full day of classes.

What supplies should I get for my classes?

You will need something to write with the first day. There is a list of supplies for 9th grade on the Shenendehowa website. Teachers will let you know if they have specific needs for a particular class.

How do I find my bus home?

All students take a shuttle bus from HS West to HS East. The Transportation Department has your bus route number and information posted in the main office. The bus is located in the front or back of the building. Information will be given out during the first day; bus route information is also posted throughout the building.

THE SECOND DAY . . .

What will my second day of school be like?

On the second day of school you will get off your bus at High School West. You will be attending all of your classes and have all 9 periods of your schedule. It will be a "B" day.

Will all the classes on my schedule meet every day?

Classes such as English, global history, math, LOTE, science, electives and lunch meet every day. Science lab, PE and study hall are assigned to an "A" or "B" day.

What if I have a question about my schedule?

Counselors will provide information on how to address questions about your schedule.

What is study hall like?

Study hall is a time for quiet work. Students are expected to bring work with them to study hall. Once school begins, you may sign out from study hall to work in the library, make up a test, work with a teacher or see your counselor.

How much time do I have for lunch?

You have a full 40 minute period for lunch. There are several lunch choices; some that change every day.

DO YOU KNOW ?

Is high school harder than middle school?

Many students find that they need to spend more time than they did in middle school studying, organizing and developing good work habits. Homework is an essential part of high school and completing your homework assignments will help you achieve academic success. Teachers are available to help students; however, more of the responsibility is on the student to seek their help.

How do I become involved in the school community?

There are many sports, clubs and activities available at Shen. Joining a club, sport, or activity is a great way to explore a new area and meet new friends with similar interests. Listen to the morning announcements for meeting dates, times and locations. Many clubs do not have their first meeting for a few weeks into the school year. A list of clubs is available in the Counseling Center. See your counselor if you have questions.

Are clubs just for West or East students?

All students are eligible to join any high school club or participate in any extra-curricular activity. Students may take the shuttle busses at the end of the day for meetings in HS East. A late bus home is typically available and advisors will provide late bus passes.

Can I go back and visit middle school after I am done with my high school classes?

Students are not permitted to go visit the middle school after the high school day ends.

What do I need to do when I am absent?

When you are absent from school a parent/guardian needs to contact the Attendance Clerk (881-0332). Bring a note to the Attendance Clerk when you return. A doctor's note is required for any prolonged absence. You are expected to make up any missed assignments and tests. If you are out for more than three consecutive days, a homework request can be made through the Main Office (881-0334).

How do I see my counselor?

Stop in the Counseling Center to make an appointment with your counselor during a free period (homeroom, study hall, lunch).