

Update October 3, 2024

Hello West Bedford Families,

Today we begin our new schedule as was stated in the Sunday memo. We would like to thank the many families who have reached out with concerns and frustrations but have also recognized the challenge that has occurred for us. We know that not all things are resolved and our student services team is now moving through the course change requests, and our goal is to have this completed by middle next week. This does not mean that students will get every course they have selected as this does not happen at any high school; however, the new schedule has created a better opportunity for students to get closer to what they had requested.

Here is what the new schedule will do for us:

1. Most students now have a selection of courses closer to their original request.
2. We have been able to significantly reduce the number of classes in the gym at one time by creating an alternate location for one period in a 2-week cycle for all junior high homerooms. This will create a safer and better Physical Education experience for all physical education classes from grades 7-11.
3. We have smaller class sizes in all grade 8 and 9 English classes. Also, some grade 7, 10, 11 courses have also been reduced in size by adding more sections.
4. In grade 10 and 11, we added another section of math 10, math 10 inquiry, we were able to add African Canadian Studies back to our course selection so that students could have this as one of their choices. In grade 7, one art class that was combined, has now been separated into 2 sections.

We know that this change is uncomfortable right now, but this will feel much different in the next few weeks. Our teachers are ready to get students up to speed in any new course they are in.

Sincerely,

West Bedford Admin team