Greetings Raiders,

We look forward to welcoming over 2,300 students to Raider Nation tomorrow for the first day of the 2019-2020 school year! Our faculty worked hard all week preparing for an amazing opening! Please see a visual of our pre-planning week in Raider Nation: **Ready Set Teach! 2019-20**

This communication includes important information on the following topics:

- Required attendance in **Advisement** for **ALL** students Monday & Tuesday.
- Bell Schedule for the First Two Days of School
- Expectations for Mornings at AHS
- Bus Information & Expectations for Afternoon Dismissal at AHS
- Safety & Security: All students must wear ID while on AHS campus
- Class Schedules and Enrollment Count Information
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**Required attendance in Advisement for ALL students Monday & Tuesday to remain enrolled at AHS:**

Please remember that ALL students must report to AHS on the first two days of school Monday, August 12th and Tuesday, August 13th for a 30-minute advisement before 1st period. **All students must be in their advisement classroom promptly at 8:20 a.m. so that we may take a school wide attendance count.** Each advisement teacher is expected to take attendance only of every student physically sitting in their advisement classroom for our official enrollment count. **If a student is not physically in advisement on Monday for the physical attendance count, that student will be withdrawn from AHS.**

**Please note that All students includes students enrolled in Dual Enrollment college courses, students enrolled in GAVS and FVS virtual courses and students with off-campus Internships.** Essentially, if you are a student enrolled at AHS, even if all of your classes are off campus classes, we must see you in advisement on Monday and Tuesday at 8:20 a.m. or
you will be withdrawn from AHS. This is so that we may complete our required official enrollment count to determine whether we are staffed appropriately for the 2019-2020 school year.

Bell Schedule for the First Two Days of School:

All students will report to their advisement classroom on the first two days of school, Monday, August 12th and Tuesday, August 13th before 1st period from 8:20 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Be on time.

A student’s assigned Advisement Classroom is determined by a student’s grade level and their last name. Please note that in order to be classified as a 10th grader, a student must have earned 5 credits, to be classified as an 11th grader, a student must have earned 11 credits and to be classified as a senior, a student must have earned 17 credits. Students who go to the wrong advisement classroom risk being marked absent and withdrawn from school.

Attached here is the Advisement Classroom list so students may determine their Advisement Classroom in advance:

Please see the AHS bell schedule for Monday 8/12 & Tuesday 8/13:

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<tr>
<th>Time Slot</th>
<th>30-Minute Advisement Before 1st Period</th>
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<td>Pledge, Moment of Silence, Announcements</td>
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**Expectations for Monday and Tuesday Morning at AHS:**

*Doors open at 7:30 a.m.* for students. Students arriving before 7:30 a.m. will not be allowed to enter any AHS building. *Students arriving after 7:30 a.m. but before 8:15 a.m. must go directly to the cafeteria or to their advisement classroom for supervision.* At 8:15 a.m., the bell will ring to release students from the cafeteria to walk to their advisement classroom. Advisement lists will be posted in the cafeteria and teachers will be on supervision duty in the cafeteria to assist students with finding their advisement classroom. Starting at 7:50 a.m. tomorrow, AHS faculty members will be stationed all over our campus to greet students and help our new students find their advisement classrooms.

Starting Wednesday, August 8th all students arriving to school after 7:30 a.m. but before 8:15 should report to the cafeteria or to their 1st period classroom. Starting Wednesday, students who have an appointment with a teacher or who are attending help sessions are allowed to go to that classroom. Students are allowed to go to their lockers before school. *Students may not stand around in the hallways or sit in any areas socializing in the morning prior to 8:15 other than the cafeteria.* Moreover, all students must **remain seated** in the cafeteria in the morning before the 8:15 a.m. bell rings. Students who prefer to stand must go outside on the patio outside the cafeteria.

**Bus Information and Expectations for Afternoon Dismissal:**

The AHS school day ends at 3:30. Busses begin leaving our campus promptly at 3:35 each day so students must be sure to exit their 6th period classroom quickly and go directly to their bus each day. Each year on the first day of school, we have many students who do not know their bus number and consequently end up missing the bus. Students will often tell us that they “forgot” the bus they rode in the morning or that they “only ride the bus in the afternoon.”

**Please partner with us to ensure that your child knows his/her bus number.** You may access the FCS transportation website here to determine your child’s bus number. You will have to enter your home address to get accurate bus information. This link will also provide bus route information, as well as, bus pick up/drop off times.

http://edulogweb.fultonschools.org/livewq/webquery/
All students must be off the AHS campus by 4:00 p.m. every day. Walkers, riders and drivers must plan to exit campus promptly each day. **Students are not allowed to hang out with friends on our campus after school.** Moreover, **students may not wait around for parents to get off work in the evenings before getting picked up from AHS.**

If a student has an afternoon appointment with a teacher, the student is allowed to be with that teacher for supervision but must have a plan to be picked up promptly once the afterschool meeting has concluded.

Students involved in athletics and/or clubs may stay afterschool as long as they are with their team or club being supervised by a coach or teacher. **Students may not hang out at school waiting for an evening activity to begin.** For example, a student may not hang out after school to wait for a 7:30 football game to begin. Students must exit our campus at 4pm and then come back at 7 for the game. Students who consistently are found to be on our campus unsupervised by a coach or teacher will be considered loitering and will be subject to both disciplinary and legal consequences. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter as we strive to keep our campus safe and secure for all students.

**Safety & Security: All Students Must Wear Picture ID at all times while on AHS campus:**

Alpharetta High School prioritizes student safety and security and recognizes that continued evaluation of safety processes and procedures is essential for our continued growth. At AHS, we require photo ID badges to be visibly worn by all students throughout the school day.

**During advisement on Monday, each freshman student will be issued his/her AHS photo ID along with a plastic sleeve and 19/20 lanyard.** If a freshman does not receive an ID in advisement, we will be taking photos and creating IDs during both lunches. Students must keep up with their ID and wear their ID every day. Lost IDs require $5.00 to reprint. IDs should last all 4 years of high school.

Freshmen may return the EMERGENCY “911” RELEASE FORM waiver during lunches all week to get their “emergency” sticker. Parents, read that section of the waiver carefully to determine whether you want your child to have that privilege and responsibility in case of an emergency release situation (such as a weather event that causes school to end early).
Most upperclassmen came to AHS yesterday to receive their new lanyards and stickers. For students new to AHS or for those who lost their IDs, we will be handling re-prints and collecting waivers during both lunches this week.

**Class Schedules and Enrollment Count Information:**

Parents and students, please remember that student course schedules are tentative during the first 10 days of school and updates may be provided daily. Please be patient with us as we balance classes and make schedule adjustments for necessary schedule changes only.

Our current enrollment is very close to FCS projections used in February to determine our staffing allocations for the upcoming school year. During the first 10 days of school, our Superintendent and other district leaders monitor the enrollment numbers of all FCS schools closely and make staffing adjustments accordingly at the 10th day of school. I will communicate with you if we anticipate any major shifts in our staff and Master Schedule.

**Important Information for Students with Off Campus Classes:**

Students taking Dual Enrollment (College), GAVS Virtual, FVS Virtual, and students with Off-campus Internships, please read these important expectations regarding where to report and for returning signed waivers on Monday.

All students with Off-campus classes must complete and return the relevant attached waiver/s Monday in order to receive permissions to have off campus courses as well as receive the required Dual Enrollment Sticker, Virtual Course Sticker and/or Flex Schedule Sticker to be placed on the student’s required photo identification.

Waiver attached:

After advisement Monday, August 6th:

- **All students with any Off Campus 1st period course:**
  - If you came on Saturday and received your new 19/20 lanyard and Off Campus Sticker, you may leave campus starting Monday or you may remain in the cafeteria during 1st period.
If you could not come to AHS on Saturday or if you needed to have your ID reprinted, report to the Cafeteria.

If you did not come to AHS on Saturday, report to the cafeteria during 1st period to return your waiver, receive your updated lanyard and appropriate stickers.

- Students taking Virtual Courses off campus or Dual Enrollment Courses off campus during 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th period or 6th period who did obtain permission on Saturday to leave campus already with your 19/20 Off Campus Lanyard and sticker, report to the cafeteria. We will be collecting waivers and distributing stickers from the cafeteria all day.

- Students taking Work Based Learning/Peer Facilitation courses should report to the auditorium during the period you have Work Based Learning to see Ms. Bianca Rush. In order to leave campus for your Internship, you must return Ms. Rush’s waiver and receive the WBL sticker from Ms. Rush to place on your student ID. Assistant Principal Errol Dice and Ms. Rush will be your contacts for Work Based Learning off campus privileges.

**Lockers:** All students may purchase lockers for $15.00 during both lunches in the hallway outside the cafeteria starting Monday, August 12th. You may pre-purchase lockers online by accessing OSP on our website. Students will be required to show receipt and photo ID in order to receive your locker.

**Parking:** Any student who won a fall parking spot in the lottery, did not come to Information Day and plans to drive to school Monday, August 12th must arrive early at 7:30 a.m. You must park in the visitor’s lot, come to the front office to see Ms. Waliaga with your receipt of parking purchase and then go back out to your car and move to your assigned spot by 8 a.m. No student cars may remain in visitors beyond 8 a.m. Also, do not ever park in any student parking space that is not assigned to you or in any faculty spot. Violation of this will result in losing parking privileges. If you cannot arrive at 7:30 tomorrow, then do not drive tomorrow; wait to drive until you receive your sticker and assigned spot.
Please keep in mind that if you only had your learner’s permit when you entered the lottery, you must bring a photocopy of your actual license and proof of insurance with you in order to receive your parking spot and sticker for your car.

I am looking forward to another year of Excellence in Academics, Arts, Athletics and Altruism in Raider Nation! Thank you for your support and your attention to the important beginning of year details, processes and expectations. Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

Shannon N. Kersey
Principal
Alpharetta High School