

School schedule poses conflicts

This year's revised schedule doesn't have many fans among the students. Many say that the new system is rife with issues, especially problems surrounding the lunch period and extended class periods. In case you didn't know, the lunch time has been shortened from 70 minutes to 40 minutes.

The main opinion circulating is that lunch periods are now far too short for students to do anything other than quickly eat and then rush back to their classes, especially after they spend ten minutes in line to get the food because lunch periods are no longer split.

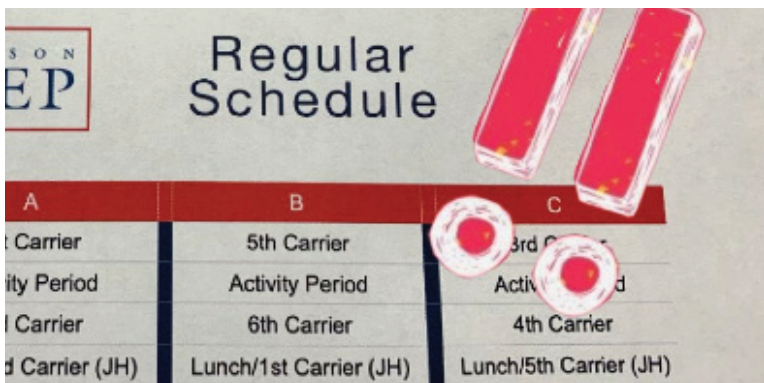
Apparently, the new schedule also interferes with the senior high lunch period, and many of them simply don't have time to get food outside school.

Another reason many are unhappy about the changes is the increase from 55 minute pe-

riods to 68 minute class periods. Of course, this should be taken with a grain of salt as students are bound to complain about longer classes, but many valid points have been made about this. For example, some claim that teachers don't even use the full period and the ends of classes are often full of busy work to kill time until the bell rings.

But the longer periods also take a toll on the time in between periods. The time in between classes has been decreased from ten minutes to five minutes; which some students claim does not give them time to get from one end of the school to the other if they have classes at the opposite sides of school.

And while I'm sure that many are glad that they have gotten better at sprinting, most probably don't enjoy running like their tails on fire after classes.



The illustration shows a grid titled "Regular Schedule" with a logo "SON EP" in the top left. The grid has three columns labeled A, B, and C. The rows represent different parts of the day. Red highlighters are placed over the top of the grid, and two red circles with white centers are placed over the grid cells.

A	B	C
1st Carrier	5th Carrier	3rd Carrier
Activity Period	Activity Period	Activity Period
2nd Carrier	6th Carrier	4th Carrier
3rd Carrier (JH)	Lunch/1st Carrier (JH)	Lunch/5th Carrier (JH)

The regular schedule poses issues. Illustration by Riley Spivey