

Things to Do the Summer Before High School Starts

Typically, the following takes place for all incoming freshmen **the week before** the first day of school, so plan your vacations accordingly:

- Freshman orientation

- Registration packet pickup

⇒ Registration packets contain general information and forms.

⇒ Some of the forms must be returned *on the first day of school*, so be sure to pay attention to the due dates!

⇒ Packets must be picked up at High School. If you are not able to get your packet on "packet pickup day," you can arrange to get your registration packet from the Administration office.

- Registration

- Textbook pickup

- Student photos and ID cards

You should receive mail from the high school during the summer with specific instructions, times, and dates.

If your student signed up for Marching Band, Color Guard, or Fall sports, you should join those e-lists this spring. Those groups start holding practice sessions before school starts so you will want to be in the loop.

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The Marching Band and Color Guard go to Band Camp the week before school, so there will be special registration instructions for those students. Optional marching training days are usually offered to new band students the week before Band Camp. Color Guard typically begins practice before band camp as well.

The Fall sports season generally starts the week that school starts. Students should be available the week beforehand for meetings, uniform issue, etc. They must also have all paperwork and physicals completed and ready to turn in on or before the first day of practice. Some sports hold optional practices earlier in the summer (Cross Country starts optional running practice as early as July). Fall sports are:

Boys: Football

Girls: Tennis, Volleyball, Field Hockey

Co-ed: Cross Country, Water polo

A note about class schedules. You will have the opportunity to confirm the classes your student signed up for before the end of the current school year. However, you will receive the final schedule of classes in the mail just before school starts.

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It isn't uncommon for students to want to change their schedules to correct an error or to move a free period to a more convenient time. It is a good idea to *contact your student's counselor* as soon as you know you want to make a change, but don't expect the change to take effect right away.

It is difficult (but not impossible) to make changes before the first day of school, even if a mistake was made on the schedule. Because the school must have an accurate headcount on the first day of school, counselors prefer to have your student attend the first day of classes according to the schedule you receive, and then make any necessary changes.

Most students' schedules are settled within the first couple of days.

