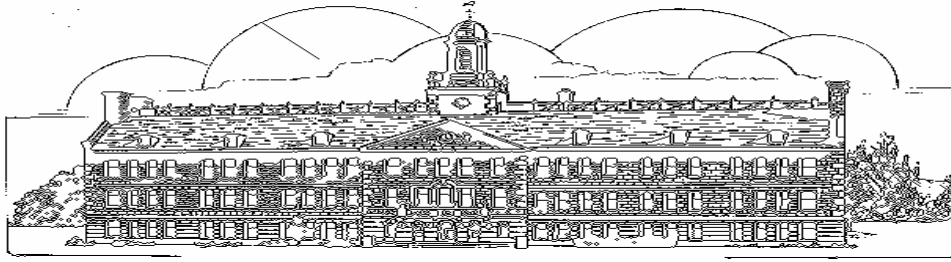


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Dear Parents:

The Hudson Middle School has been working diligently to modify the existing schedule to address shared concerns. On Tuesday, November 13th, we will be implementing changes that will allow us to regain a full band/choir period for grades 6, 7, and 8 and a full twenty minute lunch period. The modifications will allow this to happen without disrupting the original changes that were made during the summer to improve our educational services. These changes will alter student schedules. In an attempt to minimize disruption and make the transition as smooth as possible the changes will take place on November 13th which is the beginning of the second marking period.

The existing forty minute period of time that serves as our AIS/Enrichment will continue. It will serve as additional instructional time to support our students academically, thus, allowing individual weaknesses to be addressed and supported through academic intervention and provide other students with an intense, inquiry-based enrichment experience. Teachers will have a second opportunity to participate in professional development on November 26th & 27th or December 3rd & 4th. The professional development training has been tailored to support the way in which we deliver instruction and infuse literacy into all content/curricular areas. The training will be held in the evening without interrupting the regular school day.

Students that are proficient in English Language Arts and Math will have the opportunity to select band and/or choir as their enrichment. Students that fall below the proficiency level in one or both areas will be required to choose band/choir and continue to receive academic support every other day. A practice exam will be administered in the month of November which will assess student progress and serve as an opportunity for students to “test out” of the extra support services.

Sincerely,

Ryan Groat
Principal

