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**Subject: Staggered Start for the 2025-2026 School year**

Dear Knights Families,

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we are writing to share details about our *staggered start* approach this fall. Beginning the school year with a staggered entry allows staff to better support students as they reconnect with school routines, meet new teachers, and get comfortable with their learning environment. This approach helps ease the transition back to school, reduce anxiety, and give students space to adjust to new routines and expectations.

***What is a Staggered Start?***

Rather than having all students attend on the first day, staggered entry means that students begin on different days based on their last names. This helps ease students into the school year and provides time for orientation activities in smaller groups.

***Staggered Start Schedule:***

- Thursday, August 28, 2025: Students with last names beginning A–K
- Friday, August 29, 2025: Students with last names beginning L–Z
- Tuesday, September 2, 2025: All students attend together

Transportation services will be provided on staggered start days for students who are registered for bus service. Families can expect to be contacted directly by their assigned bus operator prior to the first day of school with specific route and schedule details.

***Why a Staggered Start?***

- Improved Transitions: The first days of school can feel busy and overwhelming. A staggered approach gives students more space and time to get settled.
- Connection & Support: Teachers and school staff have more opportunity to connect with students individually, answer questions, and introduce key routines.

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***How You Can Help Your Child Prepare:***

- Stay Connected: Watch for updates from your school via email, the website, or social media.
- Review the Plan Together: Talk through the staggered start dates and what to expect—especially if your child is new to the school.
- Contact the School if Needed: If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We're here to support a smooth start for everyone.

***Things to know:***

- Class placements will be communicated via PowerSchool by August 26th. Class lists and maps will be posted at the school on August 27<sup>th</sup> so students know which teacher and which classroom they should go to for Meet the Staff and Staggered Start.
- School supply lists are up on our website or click [HERE](#). If you would like to purchase school supplies online through School Start through the link [HERE](#) or see our website.
- **NEW** - The Bell Schedule has changed; we start 5 minutes earlier at 8:25am and end 5 minutes earlier at 2:45pm – please see click [HERE](#) to see the detailed bell schedule.
- **NEW** - Cell Phones, smart watches, etc. are prohibited from being used from BELL to BELL (8:25am – 2:45pm)
- Pancake breakfast being hosted each morning of Staggered Start around 9:30 am.

Please contact the school if you have questions or concerns regarding school startup for your child in the fall.

We're looking forward to a great school year and can't wait to welcome students back!

Sincerely,

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