

August 5, 2022

Dear students, parents and guardians,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. While it's not over yet, we wanted to share some important information to help you get ready for the school year.

All current Ashland Public Schools students, grades 9-12, will be able to view their schedule on iStudent and iParent on Friday, Aug. 12 after 9 a.m. Any current Ashland High School student who does not recall how to access iStudent can email the main office at ahsmainoffice@ashland.k12.ma.us to have their account reset (Members of the Class of 2026, and other new students will receive their iStudent log-in information at New Student Orientation as well as a hard copy of their schedule in the mail.)

It is important to note that the schedules are not 100% finalized, and there will be some changes as we try to balance out class sizes and meet the needs of all students. Blank spaces in the schedule indicate a study hall or a missing class. All students should carry at least 6/6.5 credits. Study hall room assignments will be reflected on schedules by the first day of school.

Our counseling staff will return to the office on Aug. 23. If you would like to set up a meeting with your counselor regarding schedule changes, we will be offering 15-minute appointments from 8:30-1:45 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Aug. 23, 24 and 26. Counselors will be available on Aug. 25 after 11 a.m. You may call the high school main office at 508-881-0177 to arrange an appointment.

If you have not already done so, <u>please visit our website</u> (https://ashland.ipassweb.net/school/ipass/pamregister.html) and sign-up for iParent. <u>Please review our summer work page (https://www.ashland.k12.ma.us/Page/2686</u>) to check if any of your classes require summer preparation. All students have to choose at least one book from the list compiled by the English department.

Key Dates:

Freshman and New Student Orientation

Thursday, Aug. 25, 4-6 p.m.

Join the AHS administration and counselors for fun activities that will help new students get to know the building as well as our culture and expectations. This event is for students only. Students who are not able to attend are welcome to stop by and orient themselves to the building at other times between 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m. any time after Aug. 22. Stop by the office and introduce yourself!

First Day of School (A day)

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

All-school PBIS activity/Convocation (F day)

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Labor Day break

September 2-5, 2023

Our school start time is 8:20 a.m. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m. Students gather in the back lobby/cafeteria area until that time. The building will be open and the cafeteria will begin serving breakfast at 7:40 a.m. All students go to homeroom on the first day of school to receive new copies of their schedules. Homeroom lists are posted in the halls.

AHS does not have a school supply list. Teachers will share with students what is needed for individual classes throughout the first couple of days. Students should plan to start the year with their Chromebook, a notebook and writing utensils (pens and pencils).

Students are allowed to carry backpacks at AHS, and all students are assigned a locker. Students can rent a lock for their locker through the front office for \$5 or bring their own lock and provide the office with the combination or copy of the key.

<u>Please check out the AHS website (http://ahsprincipalsnews.blogspot.com/) for a copy of this letter</u> as well as to stay up to date with other information. You can also visit http://ashland.k12.ma.us/BackToSchool for information from all schools about the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

I look forward to seeing you and to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Kelley St. Coeur Principal