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# Middle School Start Time Changes for 2017-18

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## A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members:

In alignment with the Barrington 220 Board of Education's strategic goal to seek optimal time for learning, the district is adjusting start-and-end-times for all schools beginning in the fall of 2017. Changing school start times is the third and most complex component seeking optimal time for learning which was created by 330 community members during the 2008 - 2009 school year. Improving the school-year calendar and implementing kindergarten enrichment have previously been accomplished as part of this strategic goal.

This document details the start-and end-time changes approved by the Barrington 220 Board of Education that will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year. Additionally, many other adjustments have been made to related activities at each level.



We are confident that the adjustment in school start-and end-times will enhance the social emotional health and academic success of our students across all grade levels. Please contact your school principal for more detailed questions related to these changes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Harris  
Superintendent of Schools

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## WHY CHANGE START TIMES?

In the spring of 2015, The Barrington 220 Board of Education compiled a group of community members, parents and staff to form the Input 220 Advisory Group. The group was charged to study if Barrington 220 should and could optimize the defined time and configuration of an instructional day based on student and organizational needs, understanding the system-wide impact on grades pre-K through 12.

Utilizing information from Input 220's research and recommendations as well as input from the community, the Board of Education approved new start-and end-times district-wide for the 2017-18 school year.

### **2017-18 START TIMES**

#### **BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

8:30 a.m. to 3:22 p.m.

#### **BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

9 a.m. to 3:48 p.m.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

8 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

# EXTRACURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Barrington Middle Schools offer a variety of activities throughout the school year. We encourage all students to enrich their middle school experience by participating in extracurricular activities. The aim of our co-curricular program is to provide school-related, age-appropriate activities as an extension of the curricular program. We believe there are valuable lessons to be learned through fully supervised and well-organized competitive and non-competitive school activities. These activities extend classroom learning, help students build positive connections with peers, and form healthy relationships with adult role models who serve as sponsors and coaches.

## **Middle School Season Schedule:**

Fall - Girls Softball (6-8), Boys Soccer (7-8), Boys/Girls Golf (6-8), Boys/Girls Cross Country (6-8)

Early Winter - Girls Basketball (7-8), Boys Basketball (7-8), Cheerleading (7-8)

Winter - Girls Volleyball (7-8), Boys Volleyball (7-8), Bowling (6-8), Wrestling (6-8), Scholastic Bowl (6-8)

Spring - Track and Field (6-8), Girls Soccer (7-8)

## **Additional details:**

- Each athletic team may hold morning practice no more than once per week from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m.
- Athletic home games will begin at 4:15 p.m. and away games will begin at 4:30 p.m. with some exceptions during the season.
- All athletic practices and activities will end at 5 p.m.
- Clubs will meet only in the afternoon.
- Once per week student athletes may leave school during 8th hour during an athletic season.
- Activity buses will be available in the afternoon and will depart shortly after 5 p.m.

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## BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE

Barrington 220 is partnering with Champions to provide opportunities for students before the start of the school day from 6:30-8:30 a.m. More information can be found at [barrington220.org/champions](http://barrington220.org/champions). Students who do not need before-school care should not report to the building before 8:30 a.m.

From 8:30 a.m. until the start of school, students will be supervised by Barrington 220 staff members and will have the opportunity to purchase breakfast, work on school projects and visit with friends. Teachers are available with a pre-approved and scheduled meeting.

## 2017-18 MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES

8/14	6th Grade Walk Thru
8/15	7th & 8th Grade Walk Thru
8/15-16	Camp 6th Grade
8/31	Back to School Parent Night
10/18	Quarter 1 Grading Period Ends
10/18-19	Fall Parent Teacher Conferences
12/22	Quarter 2 Grading Period Ends
3/21-22	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
3/22	Quarter 3 Grading Period Ends
5/29	Quarter 4 Grading Period Ends (without make-up days)

# 2017-18 DISTRICT CALENDAR

8/17	In-Service Day, no student attendance
8/18	In-Service Day, no student attendance
8/21	First day of school for grades 1-12
8/23	First day of school for Kindergarten and ELC
9/04	District 220 closed - Labor Day
10/18	Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
10/19	In-Service Day, no student attendance
10/20	In-Service Day, no student attendance
11/02	High School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
11/03	In-Service Day, no student attendance
11/22-24	District 220 closed - Thanksgiving Break
12/18-21	High School Final Exams
12/25-29	District 220 closed - Winter Break
1/1-1/5	District 220 closed - Winter Break
1/8	In-Service Day, no student attendance
1/15	District 220 closed - Martin Luther King Jr., Day
2/16	In-Service Day, no student attendance
2/19	District 220 closed - Presidents' Day
3/21	Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
3/22	Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
3/23	In-Service Day, no student attendance
3/26-30	District 220 closed - Spring Break
5/23-25	High School Final Exams
5/28	District 220 closed - Memorial Day
5/29	High School Final Exams
5/30	Make-Up Day (if needed)
5/31	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/01	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/04	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/05	Make-Up Day (if needed)

## PRAIRIE CAMPUS BELL SCHEDULE

SIXTH GRADE									
Period	1	2	3	4	5	LUNCH	6	7	8 COLT TIME
M,T,TH,F	9:00-9:46	9:49-10:33	10:36-11:20	11:23-12:07	12:10-12:54	12:57-1:27	1:30-2:14	2:17-3:01	3:04-3:48
WED	9:00-9:42	9:45-10:25	10:28-11:08	11:11-11:51	11:54-12:34	12:37-1:07	1:10-1:50	1:53-2:33	2:36-3:18
SEVENTH GRADE									
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