



## WOODBURY JUNIOR – SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This mailing includes several items for your review:

- your child's final report card for the 2006- 2007 school year,
- the summer reading list, and
- a summary of the Junior High School schedule for the upcoming 2007-2008 school year.

The enclosed reading list includes several interesting selections that all seventh and eighth grade students are required choose at least one to read during the summer break. You will also find a list of five (5) projects; your child should choose one of these to complement the summer reading. The project is due to your child's Literacy teacher on **September 17, 2007**; a grade will be assigned for his work. We anticipate a sea of "A's" for the exceptional work students will do over the summer! The reading list is also included on the school's website on the Jr. – Sr. High School page.

Student schedules for the 2007-2008 school year are in the final stages and include a few new features that we are excited to share.

- An introductory AVID class – **Pathways to AVID** - has been added to the Junior High School course offering for seventh and eighth grade students. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The goal of this program is to enable students to take more Honors and Advanced Placement classes in the high school by mastering organizational and study skills and to have students participate in enrichment and motivational activities that bolster our students' social and academic performance to make them college ready.
- For the upcoming school year, we will be running an "**A/B**" **schedule** – where many classes will meet every other day in a "block" format (a double period of time – approximately 80 minutes). Your child can choose one of three different classes to alternate with the Pathways to AVID class:
  - Logic/Problem Solving
  - Choir
  - Band

Band and choir are easily defined. Each will entail the preparation of at least two major concert performances throughout the school year. The Logic/Problem Solving course offering includes subjects that are technology based: Robotics, Synergistics, and/or Wood Technology; students in the Logic/Problem Solving section will be exposed to all subjects that are offered.

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Unfortunately, these classes are offered in a way that a student must make a choice as to which one he/she desires most – band, choir or logic/problem solving. A copy of student requests will be mailed to each home later this summer.

Finally, I want to point out that part of the new schedule will also include all of our students meeting their regular academic classes in the same “A/B” block format. Our mathematics and literacy teachers are accustomed to the longer class period. The science and social studies teachers will be able to conduct a variety of creative activities and use the new block format effectively. Also, the “A/B” format will mean that students will be able to concentrate on two main subjects a day – providing more focused homework and test/quiz preparation opportunities.

Below is a sample schedule that a student could have for next year:

<b>Period</b>	<b>“A” Days</b>	<b>“B” Days</b>
<b>1</b>	Mathematics	Science
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>	Physical Education	Physical Education
<b>4</b>	Specials	Specials
<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>5</b>	AVID	Band
<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>	Social Studies	Language Arts
<b>8</b>		Literacy

Please feel free to ask any questions – by e-mail or telephone. I can be reached throughout the summer: [ddunham@woodburysch.com](mailto:ddunham@woodburysch.com) or 856-853-0123, ext. 220.

I wish every family a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you again in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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Principal