

Barracuda Families,

It has been a great start to our second school year! Thank you for all of your help and assistance to support our school. With that said, not everything has been perfect. As you know we have had extreme traffic delays in the morning getting to school. The traffic has created a situation where our students arrive late on campus which then delays or interrupts our 1st period instructional time. For the first twelve days of school, our team and the St. Johns County School District have been working with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and the St. Johns County Public Works Department to try different strategies to improve the traffic flow to help our students to arrive earlier. These strategies have not had enough of an impact to get students into classes earlier.

With all of these strategies not having the desired positive impact, we have made the decision that we need to adjust the school start time to make sure that our students do not continue to lose instructional time at the beginning of the school day. <u>Beginning on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Beachside High School will start school 15 minutes later and begin at 9:35 a.m. School will dismiss 15 minutes later and end at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. On Wednesday, school will end at 3:05 p.m. Any necessary bus stop time changes will be adjusted and loaded into the Home Access Center for you to access.</u>

If this adjustment has an impact on your child's school schedule (dual enrollment, off campus internship, work study program, etc.), please connect with your child's school counselor to work together on a solution. We realize this is not an ideal solution but we want to do everything that we can to minimize loss of classroom instruction. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together through this challenge.

Greg Bergamasco

Principal