

## December 18, 2018 – Master Schedule Message

Last Tuesday night, Matthew Samuelson and I hosted the Master Schedule Parent Information Night at which parents were provided with a great deal of information regarding the proposed master schedule. In order to support the parents who were unable to attend, we recorded the meeting which can be [viewed on Youtube](#).

Yesterday, we hosted similar student meetings with each grade in order to provide all of the IHS students with information regarding why, what and how: Why consider change? What has been the process? How do we plan to include students in the process to ensure an effective implementation? Students had the opportunity to ask questions in each session, as well as pose additional questions and through a follow-up form.

In last Friday's Weekly Blast, I acknowledged the need to provide ways to more deeply engage parents and students in the process. On Tuesday, January 15th, at 7:00PM, Matt and I will host a question-and-answer session, where we will listen to your questions and concerns related to the the master schedule in an open forum.

In addition, on Monday, January 14th, at 7:00PM, and on January 16th at 2:00PM, Matt and I will host sessions where parents will be able to work in small groups in a hands on exploration of the new master schedule. Through this exploration, parents will have the opportunity to ask specific questions and share concerns that have been raised while offering input that will help to inform our future steps.

If you did not attend Tuesday's parent meeting and plan to attend one of these sessions, we strongly encourage you to watch the [video](#), [read the FAQ](#) and review the [proposed model](#) in advance of the session.

Similar to providing parents with additional opportunities for engagement, Matt and I will be hosting open discussions for students in January as well. Meetings will also be held with students who have indicated an interest in joining sub-committees pertaining to Unit Lunch, I/E and Articulation. In addition to the above referenced meetings, we will also be hosting information sessions with the IMS 8th graders in late January to share the details of the schedule and provide them with opportunities for Q&A and joining sub-committees.

We thank you for your honest feedback and look forward to the parent sessions in January to extend the dialogue.