Some scheduling information from Academic Dean, Elena Pavlovski. Specific questions may be directed to Mrs. Pavlovski at epavlovski@stpaulsmd.org.

The US schedule rotates through a two-week cycle: one week is blue and one week is green. There are eight blocks (A – H) that meet seven times in a two-week cycle. Of those seven meeting times, four are 50 minutes and three are 70 minutes.

Freshmen are typically enrolled in six classes: Math, Science, English, History, Modern Language, and an Arts class. They will also be having Study Hall, Health & Wellness, and Research Tech which collectively shares a seventh block in the schedule. There is some flexibility for students wishing to take two Math or Modern Language courses.

Most freshmen classes are grouped heterogenously. The exceptions are Math and Modern Language. Math placement is based on past experience and could have students placed in Algebra 1, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2, or Algebra 2 Honors. There are five Modern Language choices: Spanish, German, Japanese, French and Chinese. Students may begin any of those languages as freshmen. Those continuing with a language from middle school have the opportunity to place into level 2. Arts selections are made based on student choice and space availability. For more information about the Upper School curriculum please visit (https://www.stpaulsschool.org/page.cfm?p=4912) on the SP website.

Student schedules should be available electronically via MyBackpack mid-July. Parents will receive an email once the schedules are ready. The schedules will contain specific course numbers that can be used to purchase textbooks. Our school recommends using MBS for textbook purchasing. The process of purchasing textbooks will be discussed in a separate letter that will go out with student schedules.

All incoming freshmen will need to have their own laptop computer. Information regarding laptop requirements and configuration are provided on another document from the Technology Department.