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John H. Woodson Jr. High School Announces Adjusted Schedule to Recover Instructional Time

The Virgin Islands Department of Education, St. Croix District, informs parents, guardians, students, and the wider community of John H. Woodson Jr. High School that adjustments will be made to the school schedule to recover instructional hours lost due to the delayed start of the 2025–2026 school year.

Monday, September 8, 2025, serves as the first official day for all students of JHW. **Effective Tuesday, September 9, 2025, the school will implement the following schedule adjustments:**

- **Start Time:** 7:45 a.m. (previously 8:00 a.m.)
- **End Time:** 4:00 p.m. (previously 3:00 p.m.)

This schedule will remain in place through Friday, December 19, 2025, allowing the school to make up 111 instructional hours lost during the 17-day delayed opening caused by critical repairs and mold remediation.

Coordination and Support - The St. Croix District has coordinated with the school bus service, which has been notified of the updated schedule. Bus routes are being adjusted accordingly, with an emphasis on timely student pick-up and drop-off.

Recognizing the importance of after-school sports and extracurricular activities, the STX District will work closely with JHW to ensure students continue to access these opportunities.

Additionally, progress report and report card distribution dates for JHW will be modified to align with the new instructional calendar. The STX District will closely monitor the effectiveness of this schedule.

Compensatory Days - In recognition of the extended instructional hours, John H. Woodson Jr. High School will receive three compensatory days during the second semester:

January 7, 2026 – previously designated for classroom preparation

January 13, 2026 – previously designated for Parent Conference (now rescheduled for December 19th)

February 27, 2026 – previously designated for Professional Development

Commitment to Students - The Virgin Islands Department of Education and the St. Croix District thank all parents, guardians, students, faculty, and staff for their continued cooperation and understanding. These efforts reflect our shared commitment to ensuring that students receive the full instructional time they deserve and remain on track for academic success.

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