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August 1st, 2026

Dear AHS Students and Families,

Welcome to The Greenhouse! We are inspired by the spirit of Greenmen Nation and the strides our team has made to nurture students who are balanced, empathetic, resilient, collaborative, innovative, and critical thinkers. As we eagerly anticipate having our students back to Aurora High School, please take a moment to review this digital packet, which includes key information about the 2026–2027 school year and our shared learning journey ahead.

When we live with the intention of fostering meaningful connections, we recognize that our presence is never neutral; it is a constant opportunity to enrich those around us and our community. To live impactfully is to move with curiosity and purpose, understanding that our actions and ideas inspire and empower those around us. Our Greenhouse is a living reflection of this collective work. It is an ecosystem where we shift the atmosphere by intentional design. As learners, we value the growth and collaboration within the process over the finality of what is achieved. Together, we create the conditions where people flourish, ideas take root, and lasting impact becomes possible.

How we inspire and encourage one another as learners at Aurora High School is our most profound responsibility. We are both the gardeners and the garden of The Greenhouse, symbiotically growing ourselves and each other. Together, we are co-architects of a community rooted in trust, intentionality, and possibilities beyond our imagination. Our Greenhouse celebrates the courage it takes to be authentic, as our hope, joy, kindness, and care glow beyond ourselves to light the lives of others. We fearlessly approach each day as an opportunity to embrace our teaching and learning as an art, empower one another to exceed expectations and allow The Greenhouse to truly flourish through the power of our shared energy. This year's impact will be magical, and we look forward to partnering with you in this journey!

With gratitude,

The AHS Administrative Team

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<p>Tuesday, August 11th</p> <p>Wednesday, August 12th</p> <p>and</p> <p>Thursday, August 13th</p>	<p><u>AHS Parking Pass Pick-Up:</u> In order to apply for an AHS Parking Pass, students are required to complete the Google Form application for their desired/applicable lot (Sent to students on July 21st, 22nd, and July 23rd). Students having completed the necessary Google Form can bring in their parental signature document, pay for and pick up their pass during the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Lot (August 11th): 8:00am-12:00pm • Blue Lot (August 12th): 8:00am-12:00pm • Yellow Lot (August 13th): 8:00am-12:00pm <p>Once the school year starts, continued Parking Pass sales for any remaining spots will start being available for purchase for \$35 before 1st period (after 7:15am) or after school (until 2:45pm) or students can email Mrs. Wervev to set up a time (swervey@aurora-schools.org). The day students do purchase their parking passes is also the time that students may resolve fees from prior years (if applicable) and pay this year's fees.</p> <p>Parking Permit Fees must be paid separately from other AHS Fees.</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 12th</p>	<p><u>AHS Student-Schedule Pickup:</u> Student-schedules and Opening-School-Year-Packets will be available for pickup in the AHS Cafeteria from 9:00am–1:00pm as well as from 5:00pm–7:00pm. If there is a conflict, and families are not able to make it on August 12th, please know schedules/packets will be available for pickup in the Guidance Office beginning Thursday, August 13th from 8:00am–2:00pm. This is also the time that students may resolve fees from last year and pay this year's fees (See Mrs. Wervev in the Media Center). Any fees related to a Chromebook, charger and/or technology from last year need to be paid in full.</p> <p>Additionally, 25-26 AHS Yearbooks will be available for pick-up for any student who previously ordered one and elected to not have it delivered to their home address.</p>
<p>Monday, August 17th</p>	<p><u>Freshmen/New Student Orientation (Grades 9-12):</u> Buses will operate to pick up students. The program will begin at AHS at 7:40 am and will conclude at approximately 11:00am. More detailed information is provided on a separate document within this digital packet.</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 18th</p>	<p><u>First Day of School:</u> Classes begin at 7:40am! We can't wait to see our Greenmen filling the halls and classrooms of The Greenhouse once again!</p>



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COMMUNICATION

Moving forward, our office and teachers will be consistently communicating to engage families in the educational process. Our website, www.aurora-schools.org, can be especially helpful in this area. Please check the website to view updates from the district as this information will be posted online. Also, for more frequent updates, be sure to check your email for ongoing building-specific updates, and follow us on X (Formerly Twitter): [@AHS_DrPach](https://twitter.com/AHS_DrPach); [@AHS_SeanBaker](https://twitter.com/AHS_SeanBaker); [@TorresV4msu](https://twitter.com/TorresV4msu); and [@GreenmenGO](https://twitter.com/GreenmenGO). There will be wonderful educational experiences and accomplishments occurring every day for our students, so we would like to positively leverage social media to share these with our families and community on a regular basis!

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please take a moment to record or cut out the following list of important phone numbers. Please call the appropriate office or department when making inquiries, reporting absences, etc. And of course, we're accessible via email; look us up at www.aurora-schools.org, under [the staff directory](#). One rule to note is that email may not be utilized for absences or early dismissals.

<u>AURORA HIGH SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS</u>		
Main Office.....		330.562.3501
	Laurie Krizansky, Secretary to the Principal.....	330.954.2142
	Michelle Lukasik, Attendance Secretary.....	330.954.2353
Main Office FAX		330.954.2810
Guidance Office	Michelle Sweet, Secretary.....	330.954.2379
	Lisa Haney, Secretary.....	330.954.2198
Guidance Office FAX.....		330.562.3588
Attendance (Absence Hotline).....		330.954.2020
Athletic Office: Linda Dengate, Secretary to the AD.....		330.954.2354
Library/Media Center: Stephanie Wervey, Media Clerk.....		330.954.2372
Transportation Office.....		330.562.8017

FORMS (Final Forms)

Parents and students please **UPDATE** your Final Forms.

FINAL  **FORMS**

Log in online at:

<https://aurora-oh.finalforms.com>

If you have any questions or experience any issues, please contact Michelle Lukasik at mlukasik@aurora-schools.org. Please complete all forms no later than July 31, 2026.



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Final Forms to be completed and submitted prior to the first day of school:

- Emergency Medical Form
- Student Information Form
- Internet and Computer Responsible Use Policy Form
- Photographic & Internet Release Form
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (11th - 12th grade)
- Free and Reduced Lunch Option
- Student Handbook/Code of Conduct Form

*One thing to remember is that interim reports and report cards will **not** be mailed home except for at the end of the first semester and the end of the second semester/year. Parents and students may check student grades at any time during the year within the online gradebook.*

FEES

To reiterate our policies with respect to fees and chromebooks, I have included an explanation. First of all, we do not issue non-essential privileges, such as parking passes and dance tickets, without students being in good standing with respect to fees, meaning all school fees paid. Also, below are the details of how the district handles Chromebooks and the technology fee.

The policy is as follows:

The Technology Fee for the 26-27 school year will be \$28/student.

There will also be a deductible fee for each incident a Chromebook is returned for maintenance (a factory defect will not count as an incident). The rate will be the following:

1st Incident- \$20 /2nd Incident- \$50 /3rd and 4th Incidents- Full Replacement Cost

5th Incident- Lose privilege of taking Chromebook home. Students who owe a Technology Fee or Chromebook associated fee (from 25-26) will not have their Chromebook account reactivated until the fee is paid.

Students who bring in their Chromebook this fall for maintenance will be given a replacement regardless of their status for their 26-27 Technology Fee up until the end of the 1st quarter. After that timeframe, any Chromebook returned for maintenance will be withheld until the fee is paid in full. Students who owe a deductible fee will have to pay their Technology Fee as well to be reissued a new Chromebook. After the first break, students will have their Chromebook returned once the repair has been completed.



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SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Guidance Office uses a [Google form](#) for students to complete if there is a scheduling concern. Students can fill out the form and email their counselor to set up a time to meet. All schedule corrections must be completed from Wednesday, August 12th, to Friday, August 14th.

Schedule changes will be permitted only if one or more of the following six criteria apply:

- 1. If a student does not have 5 credits or the equivalent of 5 credits each semester, or is scheduled for more than one study hall in a semester.*
- 2. If a student wants to go up a level, i.e., CP English to Honors English.*
- 3. Adjustments due to successful completion of summer school.*
- 4. If a student's schedule is in error - not giving them their original request from May of the previous school year.*
- 5. Add any additional course(s) when enrollment permits and does not require movement of other courses.*
- 6. Academically misplaced – Students cannot be considered for being academically misplaced until they have demonstrated they have used multiple supports or interventions. They must also be referred by the classroom teacher designating they are academically misplaced.*

***If a schedule change is permitted in the first nine weeks, a notation of "W" will appear on the student record.**

***Any withdrawal after the first nine weeks will be noted with a "WF" appearing on the student's transcript. No classes can be added to a student's schedule after fifteen (15) days of the semester.**

All schedule changes require a written note of permission from the parent/guardian, and again, they must meet one of the above mentioned criteria.

OPEN HOUSE

Please make it a priority to meet the entire teaching staff on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00pm. During this time, parents will be able to meet with their student's teacher and learn about the expectations of each course. Additionally, all teachers welcome communication from families and can be reached via email to have more specific discussions regarding each student's classroom experience. All students at Aurora High School are taught by certified teachers designated as highly qualified in their content areas by meeting state credentialing requirements. Should you wish to have more information regarding your child's teacher qualifications or information on any state mandated testing, please contact the office.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

Attendance regulations are established by the Ohio General Assembly and require parents to take responsibility for school attendance of their children. All "excused" absences are for illness, medical/dental appointment, bereavement, religious observance or other emergency circumstance. Research clearly indicates that attendance has a direct impact on student success in school. In the event it becomes necessary for a student to be absent from school, **the parent is to inform the attendance office by 8:30am (330.954.2020)** and provide a reason for the absence—these lines have "24-7" voicemail capability. If the attendance office does not receive a call from the parent/guardian of a student reported absent, a phone call will be made. Students who are marked "unexcused" will warrant further investigation.



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EMAIL COMMUNICATION TO/FROM TEACHERS

Email is a great communication tool, but when teachers share student information electronically, there is a slight degree of risk that an unintended party could receive confidential information. You've probably seen disclaimers at the end of email messages that address this shortcoming. Because of this risk, we want to make sure parents and guardians are knowledgeable and comfortable with email limitations. It is a great tool...we just have to be clear and careful!

AURORA HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

AHS will continue to utilize a [modified block schedule](#) each week just as has been done for the last several years. This information has already been shared with students and is posted on the AHS Website and each student's grade-level Google-Classroom, but essentially, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays will be traditional 50-minute classes and Wednesdays and Thursdays will feature 90-minute block classes. The schedules are outlined below and [digital versions](#) as well as a yearly calendar are available online for anyone to view at any time. With the school year beginning on a Tuesday, we will not incorporate any block classes until the second week of school. Accordingly, we will have traditional, 50-minute classes for the first four consecutive days of the new year. See below for a specific overview of the bell schedules.

Monday, Tuesday, Friday AHS Bell Schedule		
Period	Start Time	End Time
1st	7:40	8:30
Announcements	8:30	8:34
2nd	8:37	9:27
3rd	9:30	10:20
Lunch 4th Period	Lunch 5th Period	Lunch 6th Period
4th Lunch: 10:23-10:53	4/4A Class: 10:23-11:13	4/4A Class: 10:23-11:13
4A/5 Class: 10:56-11:46	5th Lunch: 11:16-11:46	5/5A Class: 11:16-12:06
5A/6 Class: 11:49-12:39	5A/6 Class: 11:49-12:39	6th Lunch: 12:09-12:39
7th	12:42	1:32
8th	1:35	2:25

Green-Block Days (Wednesdays)		White-Block Days (Thursdays)	
Period	Time	Period	Time
1	7:40-9:10	2	7:40-9:10
Announcements in Period 1: 9:10-9:13		Announcements in Period 2: 9:10-9:13	
3	9:16-10:46	A-Time (Homeroom)	9:16-10:46
5/5a or 5a/6	10:49-12:52	4/4a or 4a/5	10:49-12:52
Lunch 1: 10:49-11:19	11:22-12:52	Lunch 1: 10:49-11:19	11:22-12:52
Lunch 2: 11:35-12:05	10:49-11:32/12:08-12:52	Lunch 2: 11:35-12:05	10:49-11:32/12:08-12:52
Lunch 3: 12:22-12:52	10:49-12:19	Lunch 3: 12:22-12:52	10:49-12:19
7	12:55-2:25	8	12:55-2:25



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FINALLY . . . If anyone at Aurora High School can be of assistance to you, please feel free to [contact us](#)! Our offices are open from 7:00am until 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any concerns or questions that need answers right away, please don't hesitate to email or call the main office at 330.562.3501. We are dedicated to optimizing our learners' experiences at Aurora High School as we continue to embrace our resiliency as empathetic, balanced and innovative learners! We sincerely look forward to welcoming Greenmen Nation back to AHS! Thanks for all your time, energy and support...And as always, Go Greenmen!

Sincerely,

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