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"E" Period Returns

By Maureen Benitz

Just when you thought it was safe to look at your schedule, "E" period makes a return. "E" doesn't stand for anything more than extra, so don't fret. This year's "E" period is easier to understand than you think. For Juniors and Seniors this schedule should look somewhat familiar, as it is similar to the schedule from two years ago.

On Mondays and Thursdays break period returns, but only in a shortened form, lasting only 20 minutes, (10:00-10:20) and not a full period. This is just enough time to run over to the cafeteria for a quick snack—not much more.

Activities and clubs accustomed to meeting at break will lose 50 minutes a week. (25 minute cut per period)

"E" period will seize this open time. After lunch, from 12:20 to 12:50, students will have an "E" class only if they joined choir or band, otherwise, they will have study hall. Unlike past "E" period systems, the "E" class will not change from week to week.

About half of the student body will partake in this mass study hall in Baldwin Hall. Although students may not sign out, they can leave with a pass from a teacher. All but the music teachers will be free, making this an ideal time for talking to advisors and receiving extra help. Mrs. Goen stressed that this is not an Activity Period and should not be thought of as one: students will be expected to work.

Keep in mind that "E" period is only on Mondays and Thursdays, and that Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays are different. On these days, the schedule is the same as it was last year and the

year before. On Tuesdays and Fridays eighth period is from 10:00-10:45, in between second and third period. On Wednesday eighth period is from 2:20-3:05, with Activity Period in the morning from 10:00-10:45. On Tuesdays and Fridays, Activity Period is from 2:20-3:05. This should not surprise any Upper School returnees.

Another change in the schedule is the lunch period. Everyone in the

All in all, this twice-a-week half hour period is a no sign-out (but pass out) study hall, unless you have a music class.

Upper School now eats together at the same time, as it was two years ago. Because of "E" period, the time of lunch has been altered. On Mondays and

Thursdays lunch is from 11:55 to 12:20, followed by "E" period, but on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays lunch is from 12:20 to 12:50. Lunch has also been extended by 5 minutes, a welcome change.

With only one lunch and "E" period, the lab period has obviously changed. Everyone will have lab during the 50 minute fourth period. On Mondays and Thursdays this period is from 11:05 to 11:55, while on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays the period is from 11:30 to 12:20. AP History labs now meet during this period, instead of break. Science labs, gym and peer leadership will utilize this period too. Remember, there is no music during labs now, that is scheduled during "E" period.

The only way to fully understand these changes is to experience them and to keep a copy of the bell schedule close by. Within a few weeks the schedule will be routine.

New Faces on Campus

By Mark Markowski

The new school year has brought along a number of fresh, young teachers. Eight new faculty members have joined the Prep Community to replace leaving teachers, and to accommodate a growing student body. After interviewing each, the teachers seem to be excited and more than ready to get started.

Mr. Bartlett, with a BA from Yale and a MA from Harvard Divinity, is ready to tackle the rigorous curriculum of being both an English and History teacher. When asked why he chose to teach at Prep he commented, "I really enjoyed the students, teachers and the entire atmosphere when I came for my interview." Of Mr. Bartlett's accomplishments, he is most proud of hiking the entire Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia in a span of six months.

Mrs. Bertuna, a product of Rutgers University, will teach a few Upper School Spanish classes. Mrs. Bertuna felt that "it is a great opportunity to be teaching at Prep." Besides her immediate goal of becoming a successful teacher, Mrs. Bertuna also plans to go back to school for her Ph.D.

Mrs. Howland will also join the Foreign Language Department. She will be teaching both French and Latin students. Besides teaching, she will coach Middle School lacrosse. "Prep has a great sense of community" and she wants to be a part of it.

Mrs. Bornstein is returning to Prep. "Over the past four years, I have really grown as a person." Now she has become the new head of the Computer Department and is ecstatic about all the new equipment. With a large grant, Prep purchased new, technologically superior computers and peripherals, not to mention an internet hook-up. The revamped Computer Department and lab should make a strong appeal to everyone.

Mrs. Budde, another Rutgers University graduate, will be teaching Pre-Calculus to many of the upper clansmen, replacing Mrs. Edmunson in the Math department. She is very happy to be at a school where she can challenge the students. After being asked why she wanted to teach at Prep, she

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School Events

Sep. 13-15	Freshman Camping Trip
Sep. 16	Back-to-School Day
Sep. 25-26	No-School Rosh Hashanah
Oct. 3	Senior Portraits
Oct. 4	No-School Yom Kippur
Oct. 5	School Pictures Grades PK-11

Home Games

9/9	Girls' Soccer vs. Ridge	10:00
9/15	Boys' Soc. vs. St. Mary's	11:00
	Girls' Soc. vs. St. Mary's	11:00
	Girls' Tennis Open	11:00
9/18	Girls' Soc. vs. Ranney	4:00
9/22	Boys' Soc. vs. Solebury	4:00
9/23	Cross Country Invitational	12:00
9/27	Girls' Soc. vs. Pennington	4:00
10/2	Girls' Tennis vs. Purnell	4:00
10/6	Girls' Tennis vs. Ranney	4:00
10/7	Boys' Soc. vs. Somerville	10:30
	Girls' Soc. vs. Somerville	12:30

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answered, "This is the best school around!"

With Mr. Boyle's departure, Mrs. Hardin will join the Science Department teaching both regular and AP Chemistry. Her sense of humor and great personality will hopefully calm the Junior's nerves when May comes around. "Everyone seems to be having a good time," was her comment on the students at Prep.

Mr. Whittman will take over the duties of teaching Photo in the art studio. He has taught in Prep's Summer School for the past five years, and when given the opportunity to teach full time, he jumped at the chance. A Prep alumnus, Mr. Whittman sees Prep as "an institution I believed in for thirteen years."

Mrs. Tidd will be working in the field house with the rest of the Physical Education staff. She is most excited about coaching the girls' volleyball team. Mrs. Tidd has volleyball experience, having served as both a coach and NAGWS Volleyball Official.

Each of these eight teachers are dedicated to their profession. They are great people who displayed tremendous professionalism and a love for teaching that should be evident in their classrooms.

Hopes for a New Year

By Frank Cesario

When beginning anything, one conjures hopes and aspirations for what the result might be. A school year is no different. In an interview, Upper School Principal Mr. Richard Karman shared his goals for this year.

Mr. Karman replied that he wanted to integrate the newly expanded Computer Laboratory into more of the school curriculum. Although this may be a slow process at first, he hopes that cooperation between Computer faculty and other departments will propel this operation. He also hopes that the new Japanese program will blossom this year. Finally, he has great aspirations for the research that will be led by Mr. Mazza after a summer at the Waksman Institute.

Other plans include a school-wide trip. Seniors and Juniors may go to Lincoln Center, Grand Central Station, or Madison Square Garden, while Freshman and Sophomore classes may visit such places as Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Temple Emmanuel, or a Hindu Temple. These plans, however, have yet to be discussed.

Mr. Karman is also very excited by the new Freshman class, because at sixty-five students, this class is large. Mr. Karman hopes that this class may be a great well of talents and skills that may lead to some depth on the sports teams. Furthermore, he hopes that this size will lead to many choices and opportunities for the people in the class. "I just hope that it does not rain on the Freshman camping trip," he said.

This new school year will see the coming of a new teacher in about every department. Mr. Karman finds it remarkable that these new additions have so many other facets than just the subject they will teach. Although they will need a little time to become adjusted to Prep, he is confident that they will be a great asset.

Special thanks to the Argo staff for extra summer work!

Fall Sports Preview

By Barry Hirsch

This upcoming school year figures to be a very key year for Rutgers Prep sports. As with all high school teams, graduating seniors will be sorely missed as underclassmen try to fill the positions left void. Although this is a difficult problem, it leads to much excitement for younger players getting their first opportunities at the varsity level.

One of the two co-ed teams at Prep, Cross Country, has kept their team fairly in tact. Although the loss of seniors Scott Skorupsky and Rohin Singh will be felt, the team looks for good showings from Dave Bilenker and Scott Yelity. They are also depending on young talent to strengthen their team. The coaches are hoping, however, for more women to sign up.

Last year, Girls' Soccer had the most impressive season of the fall teams, utilizing a strong tri-captain leadership and young talent. This year's coaches will depend on many key seniors, such as Alison Siegel.

Unfortunately, another one of these seniors, Stephanie Verb, had knee surgery during the summer, and she may not be able to play.

The Boys' Soccer team is very excited about this season, losing only a small number of seniors to graduation. The team is looking to improve last year's dismal record with a strong senior class as well as a lot of blossoming talent.

The final fall team, Girls' Tennis, is reared for an exciting season. With the return of all three top singles players, they figure to do well in competition. Becca Caldwell, who taught tennis to youngsters over the summer, feels the team could be in contention for a good showing.

This should prove to be an exciting year for Prep athletics. All students, especially underclassmen, are encouraged by coaches to come out for teams. Those who do not play sports can always support Prep teams by attending their games.

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