



Lunchtime crunch TIME

Students adapt to changing lunch schedules

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Central students had never been immune to schedule changes, but one thing that had always stayed the same was the lunchtime in third block. Students had gone to first block, then second block and always ate lunch during third block. However, due to a later start time for the school day, administration changed the schedule for this year so that lunch would take place in second block, which meant that A Lunch now started at 10:45 a.m.

Some students liked the new schedule a lot and felt glad that the school changed it. Some felt that eating earlier in the day benefited them because they did not have to wait a whole additional block to eat lunch. "I like lunchtime now because I can eat earlier in the day. I didn't like waiting until third block last year," said **Mia Rosas ('20)**. **Bryson Hall ('21)** agreed, saying, "I think it's better because it's earlier in the day, so we don't have to wait as long to eat."

The Wednesday early-out schedule ended up being more hectic, however, because the blocks switched to accommodate lunches, so students went from first block to third block, and then second block to fourth block.

However, a good number of students missed the old

schedule. Eating early caused some students to get hungry later in the school day. "I personally don't like it just because we eat so early in the day. It's basically still breakfast time when A Lunch starts. When it was towards the end of the day, I would eat much later, and I would be more fulfilled and not have the midday hunger," said **Lyric Mason ('21)**.

Some also felt that the lunch room ended up being overcrowded or that they did not have enough time to eat because they had to wait in the long lunch line. "I dislike the new lunches because the lunch room doesn't provide enough room for everyone to sit, nor is there enough time to make it through the lunch line and eat at a comfortable pace," said **Sophia Slyter ('21)**.

Some students wished the lunch schedule had never changed. "I'm not a big fan. It should go back to normal because it is too early," said **Aquala McCallister ('21)**.

Despite some complaints about the schedule changes, the school did not go back to the old schedule. For most of the upperclassmen, this was definitely not the first time that the schedule had changed in some way, so the students had to learn to adapt over time to the new changes every year. (M. Page Smith)



Mia Rosas



Bryson Hall



Lyric Mason



Sophia Slyter



Aquala McCallister

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1. **Out to Lunch** Coming back from Open Campus, **Sarah Turner ('20)**, **Lynzie Durr ('20)** and **Savannah Ruark ('20)** enjoy the sunshine before heading back into school. Despite changing lunch times, students could still earn Open Campus privileges on Wednesdays. "For me, adjusting to the new schedule wasn't that hard. I just have to eat lunch earlier now," Durr said. (J. Chavez)

2. **Take a Break** Relaxing during lunch, **Frank Bloch ('22)** looks at his phone after finishing his food. Students had to deal with the lunches switching from third block to second block because of the later school start time. "It was a pretty easy transition, and I kind of like having it during second block rather than third block," Bloch said. (J. Chavez)



3. **Laughs at Lunch** In the west end of the cafeteria, **Claire Franke ('22)** and **Maitreyi Shrikhande ('22)** share a laugh at the table. Lunches were organized by floors, so many subject areas ate lunch at different times from other subject areas. "My favorite part about lunch is probably getting to see friends that don't have similar classes as me," Shrikhande said. (J. Chavez)

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"Lanita is my favorite lunch lady. I've known her since elementary school." -Demarquis Hanes ('21)



"My favorite lunch lady at Central is Gwin because she's super nice and she's really cooperative. I also feel like I relate to her a lot." -Niiziar Rogers ('21)



"My favorite lunch lady is Linda because she's always singing songs and I like her voice. It makes me hyped to get my food." -Michael Morgan ('22)