

## **Bell Schedule Changes**

Beginning in August 2022, Atlanta Classical is extending the school day by fifteen minutes in both the lower and upper schools. We are excited about the additional education opportunities afforded by this change, and we have described some of the advantages below.

### **Lower School (Kindergarten-6th Grade)**

Start time: 8:00 a.m.

End time: 2:45 p.m., except 6th grade will release at 3:20 p.m. on Fridays

In grades K-5, we have added about 20% more time to our English and math blocks while preserving daily recess and allowing time for remediation and extra challenge. This time will allow us to greatly enhance our work with developing core literacy and numeracy skills. Along with extending core instructional time, students in grades K-6 will have an additional block for both literacy and numeracy where they receive support targeted to their specific needs. Mrs. Teeple and Mrs. Adams, our literacy and math coaches, will lead this effort.

We will no longer have an A/B day schedule, rather students in grades K-6 will have dedicated specials blocks where art, music, and PE always happen on the same day of the week. Sixth grade will also stay until 3:20 p.m. on Fridays so that they can participate in house events.

In addition, lower school students will now have dedicated time to focus on executive functioning at the end of each day. This is designed to allow students to become more proficient in organizing binders, verifying checklists, finalizing agendas, and preparing their homework.

### **Upper School (7th-12th Grade)**

Start time: 8:15 a.m.

End time: 3:20 p.m.

In the upper school, this shift allows for a daily advisory period and a Cavalier Period on Friday afternoons, during which students in grades 7-12 will participate in programming unique to their grades. We described these changes in detail at the upper school town hall. If you were unable to attend, we encourage you to watch the recording [HERE](#). Mr. Schepps explains the upcoming schedule changes around the 30-minute mark.