



A GROUP OF STUDENTS heads for classes at Berlin American High School. Students and teachers alike pre-

fer the new rotating schedule. (Photo by Lucas Hutton)

BAHS likes new schedule

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This new school year at the Berlin American High School was not "rung in" by the now antiquated school bell, but "clocked in" by a resonant electronic "bong." The year, "the bong" introduced a new class schedule to the school which will allow greater variety in class durations and which will permit a six-day rotating schedule.

Laboratory science classes will appreciate the lengthened morning classes of 50 and 70 minutes to complete their in-class experiments. Physical education classes will now be able to swim the entire length of the pool before turning in to "suit up."

Under the new schedule, class periods run as follows:

Period 1, 8:30-9:20; Period 2, 9:25-10:15; Period 3, 10:20-11:30; lunch (junior high); 11:30-12:10; Period 4 (junior high), 12:10-1:00; lunch (senior high), 12:25-1:05; Period 4 (senior high), 11:35-12:25; Period 5, 1:10-1:55; Period 6, 2:00-2:45; activities period, 2:45-3-10.

The rotating schedule, preferred by both students and teachers, means that within a six-day period, a particular class will meet at least half of the time in the morning when everyone is freshest.

The chart below explains the new rotating schedule in detail.

Attendance procedures have also changed. Whenever a student is absent from school, he must bring a note from home explaining the reason for his absence. Students will be permitted to make up their work when they were absent due to illness, medical appointments or family emergencies.

Students who are members of traveling athletic teams will be excused automatically.

In order to take advantage of the cultural opportunities in Europe, a student may have up to 10 days of excused absence from school to travel with his family. This educational trip must have the permission of all the student's teachers and the administrators.

On a more immediate basis, the school will be allotting a few hours during the year for field trips within Berlin. These trips will be organized by the teacher for his class. Those teachers not leaving the school will continue with the normal classroom instruction.

For further information about school activities or policies, call 819-6391.