

Editorial: Bells Need Work

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The year has come off to a great start with its usual mixture of excitement, joy, and happiness... yeah right! Well, now that we have a new school, who isn't? And with everything new comes the usual ups and downs such as having tricky lockers, new classroom locations, slow lunch lines, and those pesky freshmen. But the one thing that seems to be on everyone mind is outside - outside of school that is.

If your class is in the gym, you probably know what it feels like to be let out late just because there is no alarm. You run out in the hot sun, holding your books, towards the doors on the second floor, and then you can choose to see if you can make it or just get a blue note. Honestly, I'm not going to try to get a blue note, because I can make a run for it, but in somebody else's case, I would.

Here's the deal: The teachers have to watch the clock and then stop what they're doing just so we can be on time. Sometimes they let you wait for fifteen, twenty minutes when you could be doing or learning something else. It is ridiculous. Unless you have personal fitness or weight training, it is not necessary. Then why are there no alarms yet in the gym? Probably

because of construction outside, what with the wires, and what not, but I'm not the one with the answers. All we can do is wait and see how long this bell-less time is going to last.

Opinions about this topic range from positive to negative, varying from each person. Coach Brewer, who teaches Health and Personal Fitness, expresses his opinions by saying that having no bell causes no problems, even if the school is farther away than before. He says it all depends on how they are organized and when it comes time to go to next block, the only ones who should have problems are the ones who aren't organized and not paying attention.



"But that doesn't mean that it works every time," says Trey Bloodsworth, who has Personal Fitness and Band, both in the gym. Trey waits in the front of the gym because he doesn't want to be late, but then when they finally let them out, the students that are coming out make it difficult for him to get to class on time because of the school's distance. "If we had a bell, then instead of them coming first and blocking our way, we could reach the doors just in time before they reach them," explains Trey, feeling irritated when he has to go against the crowd.

However, in these cases, it all comes down to being prepared, something school always puts an importance on. For now, those of you who just have not quite grasped the word prepared, I would recommend you reach farther to understand the meaning of the word and get a head start.

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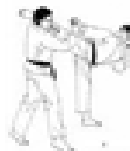
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