

# One Lunch: A New Era or a Doomed Experiment?

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For the past three years, I have experienced the frustration of the split-lunch schedule; from not seeing all of my friends to not being able to meet with teachers at lunch, so I was surprised when I heard of the news of a one-lunch bell schedule.

Not Surprisingly, Huron High School originally started out with one lunch when it first opened. In 1992, however, overpopulation and excessive littering prompted a split-lunch schedule, which has been the norm until this year.

“Students have been pushing for one lunch for years...they’ve done research and had questionnaires filled out...We also wanted students to be able

to meet with their teachers more during lunch,

so this year we’re going to try out a one-lunch bell schedule and see how it

works out,” said 12th grade principal Mr. Marcus Edmondson.

He implied that if a semester of one lunch does not bring more positives than negatives, it is possible that Huron will switch back to a split-lunch schedule second semester.



Students like current 12th grader, Taimur Hassan, waited in long lines during the split-lunch era.

“We’ll just have to wait and see with the one-lunch schedule. It’s good for clubs because it’s more convenient to have one meeting at lunch, but many people have an issue with the time of lunch being too short,” said English teacher Mr. Trocchio when asked about how he felt about the new schedule.

Huron’s one-lunch period is 37 minutes long, but with a nine minute passing time after lunch, it is actually 46 minutes long, four minutes shorter than Pioneer’s lunch. With the two-lunch schedule of the past, each lunch was 35 minutes with a nine minute passing time after lunch, making it 44 minutes long. This poses a concern to many students. “There’s no way that twice as many people will be able to get food with the time given [just two minutes longer than past lunches],” pointed out senior Vivian Lam.

“There are too many people and I’m worried about how much control the administrators will have over the students,” said sophomore Naomi Lin, expressing another point to worry about with one lunch.

Littering is still a big problem, as it was one of the main causes for a split-

lunch schedule in the first place.

“If students want to help keep their one lunch, they’re going to have to pick up their trash,” said Mr. Edmondson.

Whether or not the one-lunch schedule will be successful or not remains to be seen.

