

# Pro vs Corn: School Start Time



Sophomore Maryn Zaborowsky applies makeup before school. Zaborowsky usually arrives at 7:10 a.m. Addelyn Rogers photo

## School should start at 7:30 a.m.



By Ronin Tharp reporter

The topic of starting school later is on a lot of people's minds as we have started the new school year.

Although there is some upside to starting school later, we have more benefits when we start school at 7:30 a.m. If we began school any later, parents would not be able to drop their kids off at school. Parents have to get to work, and this would cause way more crowded buses.

Also, since we have started school at this time for so long, it would not be good to switch kids' schedules like this. This would also affect the parents' schedules since they have been getting up with their kids.

Starting school at later times would give kids less time for extracurricular activities because that means school would end later, too. According to college board.org, more than 80 percent of students participate in extracurricular activities. Starting school later would make it much harder for all of them. Also, a lot of kids struggle in school, and they need tutoring. Starting school later would make it harder to schedule with a tutor.

If we started school any later, kids would not have time to eat dinner. After kids have sports and clubs, it will already be pretty late. It is not good to eat right before bed, and kids will have no choice because they will get home very late. This can cause worse sleep and cause kids to be tired during school.

Although many people may think it will help, starting school later would not be as great as some people think it would be.

## School should start later



By Ashton Jones-Shell reporter

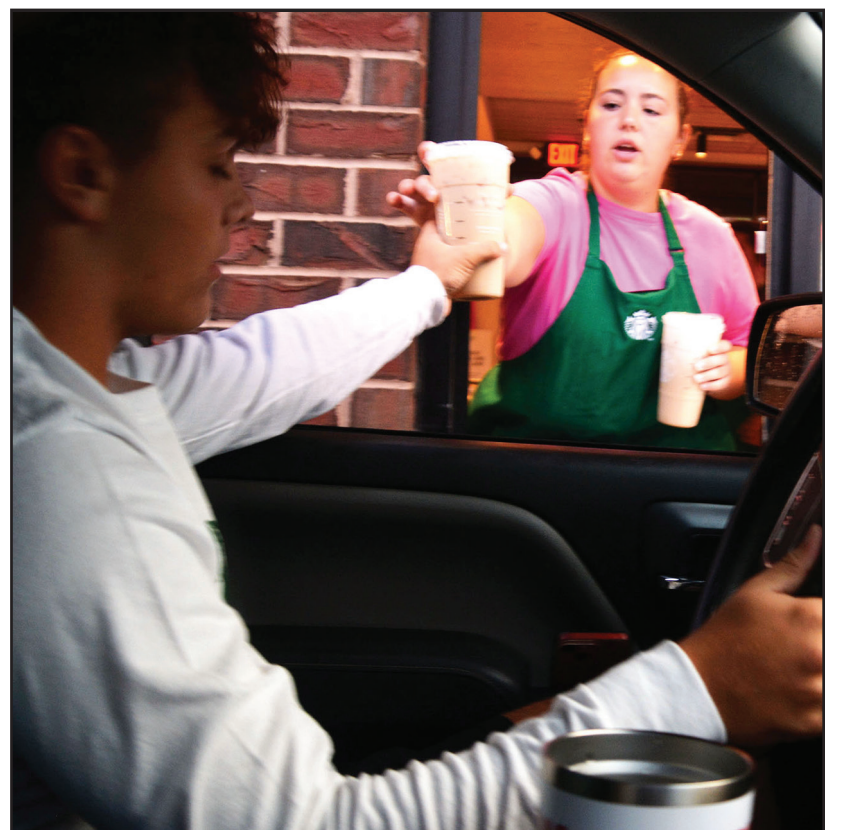
Even though there are some positives about starting school as early as 7:30 a.m., there are more positives about starting at a later time.

When school starts as early as it does, kids show up to school before they are ready to learn. Most kids do not pay attention during their classes because they are too tired and do not have the energy to give their full attention. Less sleep and rest results in reducing focus and attention spans. Kids also show up to school grumpy and annoyed, which sometimes affects learning. School starting this early makes kids tired, which can turn into attitude and affect teachers and classmates by talking back, starting arguments, or even starting fights.

Starting school at a later time would give kids more rest and will reduce the arguments and fights throughout the day. The American Psychological Association states that there is an increased attendance rate, decrease in disciplinary action and decrease in student-involved car accidents when school starts at a later time.

Starting school at a later time would be perfect for schedules because as soon as school is over, students can go to extracurricular activities or sports. They would have the perfect amount of time for their practice and to eat dinner right after. Students will have time to study after their dinners or extra free time to do whatever they would like.

Even though some people prefer starting at an earlier time, a later time would be much more beneficial.



Junior, Anthony Scaramazzo gets his venti iced chai latte from the barista. Scaramazzo goes to Starbucks approximately three times a week. Gunner Ruppert photo

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## Homecoming dance to precede game

Student Council has made changes to Homecoming Week.

For the first time, the Homecoming dance will take place the Saturday before Homecoming Week. An additional major change involves Homecoming Court announcements, which will now take place during the dance and not during half-time of the football game.

Students seem to have mixed feelings. On one hand, starting the week with the dance sets the stage for an exciting week. On the other hand, ending the week with the dance is a GHS tradition.

We agree that this just feels odd. Having the dance before the game takes the "homecoming" out of the

Homecoming game. With no dance to follow, the game will feel like any other football game held this season.

Last year, the Homecoming dance took place the day after the Woodmen beat Perry Meridian in a nail-biting game the night before. Because the team pulled off

this big win, it made the dance feel like a bigger deal and a real celebration. But this year, it will not feel this way.

The Timberlines staff believes the activities during Homecoming Week are supposed to lead up to the game and the dance, the biggest and best parts of Homecoming, and that Court should be announced for the first time during half-time as is tradition for our school. Student Council should reconsider this plan.

### What WE Think Staff Editorial



"They've always announced the HOCO court at the game. It won't be as exciting at the dance."

senior Olivia Ford photographer



"With the dance being so early, I don't know if my dress is going to come in time. Having the dance so early messes with people's preparation time."

junior Aubrey Costelow photographer