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Ninth graders will get a running start on school

Extra half-day of school tomorrow to help incoming freshmen with transition to high school

PITTSBURGH, August 31, 2010 – To help get students ready for the rigors of high school, approximately 2,000 incoming freshmen will begin school an extra half-day earlier tomorrow.

“Moving into high school can be tough. It’s a challenge, and students need to be ready to do more rigorous work,” Superintendent Mark Roosevelt said. “This half-day earlier start will allow us to bring the ninth graders and their parents in and prepare them for the higher expectations they can expect in high school, and to show them what we’re going to do to help the succeed.”

The *9th Grade Nation* Transition Program is designed to smooth the transition from 8th grade to high school. In addition to benefiting from the full attention of staff on the first day of school, each school’s *9th Grade Nation* will participate in the CAMP Guyasuta All Day Field Trip. The day will consist of team building activities, the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.) ropes course, climbing wall and much more.

To welcome 9th graders back to school Superintendent Mark Roosevelt will visit Pittsburgh Brashear High School tomorrow at 9:00am.

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