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Drive Carefully - School Starts Soon

If you have kids, you're probably immersed in the dubious pleasure of back-to-school shopping and dreaming up new and exciting items to pack in that lunch box ... 180 times. If you don't, you might just be wondering when school starts so you can avoid getting stuck at the end of the long line of cars waiting to drop off students. Whichever population you fall into - be sure to slow down, Lamorinda; school starts soon!

Moraga School District: First day of school is Monday, Aug. 25.

Elementary schools: The school day starts at 8:25 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. except on Wednesdays, when students are dismissed at 1:50 p.m. Younger students have shorter schedules.

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School: School starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:24 p.m. for most students; seventh graders taking an extra period are released at 3:13 p.m.

Lafayette School District: First day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Elementary schools: There is a small schedule change for Lafayette's elementary schools this year to allow time for staff collaboration on Wednesday afternoons. The school day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:42 p.m. except on Wednesdays, when students are dismissed at 1:42 p.m. Younger students have shorter schedules.

Stanley Middle School: School starts at 8:15 a.m. except on Wednesdays, when the first class begins at 9 a.m. Dismissal time is 2:53 p.m.

Orinda Union School District: First day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Elementary schools: The school day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m. except on Mondays, when students are dismissed at 1:55 p.m. Younger students have shorter schedules.

Orinda Intermediate School: School starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. except on Mondays, when students are dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Acalanes Union High School District: First day of school is Monday, Aug. 25.

Most high school students attend classes from 8 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Note: The schedules above are for regular school days. "Minimum Day" schedules will be different. Many schools have detailed schedules posted on their websites, which are accessible from the district sites:

www.district.moraga.k12.ca.us, www.lafsd.k12.ca.us, www.orindaschools.org, www.acalanes.k12.ca.us.

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