

## FACT SHEET FOR NINTH GRADE – WINTER, 2024

**An 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Scheduling Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm in the high school theater.**

There are three counselors at the high school. The counselors are assigned alphabetically as follows:

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| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | A through G | Mrs. Kennerly |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | H through O | Mrs. Fawcett  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | P through Z | Mrs. Wihl     |

Scheduling – The high school counselors will be in to distribute scheduling sheets, go through the online Course of Study Handbook (located on the main high school website), and give students an opportunity to ask questions. Counselors will collect your scheduling sheets on January 25th and 26th. The scheduling page should be filled out and signed by both student and parent.

Class Load – The high school day will consist of seven academic periods. We **highly recommend** that every student have one study hall. The average course load for ninth graders will be six classes each semester.

Summer Credit Flex Option- This option for students includes online courses through APEX, such as Health and P.E., course proposals, and the opportunity to test out. Pre-approved online course requests need to be made to the High School Guidance Office no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. See the web course section in the Course of Study Handbook and the Credit Flex form available on the High School Guidance webpage for more information. Courses must be completed by August 1st.

Ninth Grade Orientation for 2024-2025 – The **tentative date** for ninth grade orientation is August 20<sup>th</sup> (the first day of school). Only ninth graders will be in the building that day for orientation.

Physical Education – You must dress and participate in P.E. for two semesters to meet state graduation requirements. If you exceed one dress cut per nine weeks, your grade will be negatively affected. At five dress cuts, you will fail for the nine weeks. A student who does not like the traditional P.E. class during the school day should seriously consider the summer school credit flex option. There is a cost for summer school credit flex P.E and the credit flex form needs to be submitted to the high school guidance office before spring break.

P.E. Waiver - The Board of Education has adopted a policy that exempts students who participate in interscholastic Athletics, Band, or Cheerleading for two full seasons from the Physical Education requirements. Students must take another course of at least .5 credit.

Placement Into Classes – Students are placed into ninth grade English, Math, Social Studies, and Science classes based upon Middle School grades, teacher recommendations, and standardized test results.

Honors English 9 – Honors English is designed for highly motivated students with strong reading and writing skills. Please see the “Course of Study Handbook” regarding prerequisites. Applications are due to the Middle School Guidance Office by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Geometry Honors – This course is open to students who earn a B+ average or higher for Algebra 1 in eighth grade and have the teacher recommendation. The advanced math track in high school culminates with Calculus in the senior year and is designed for students planning to be engineers or math majors. Incoming ninth graders that earned an Algebra 1 grade of B or B- can register for Geometry.

### **SAMPLE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HIGH SCHOOL**

English 9  
Algebra I  
Biology  
World History  
Lunch  
HIVE  
PE/Health  
Band or Elective  
Study Hall / Study Hall

Lockers – Locker assignments will be on your schedules when you receive them at the orientation. Do NOT allow others to keep their belongings in your locker. Do NOT give your locker combination to any other student.

Attendance – Students need to report to the attendance window for all absences before reporting to class. If a student is habitually or chronically truant, disciplinary action could include diversionary hearings and/or filing charges with the juvenile court system.

Students need to share this information with their parents. Show this paper to your parents this evening and then keep it in an accessible location. If you have any questions, please call or email one of the High School counselors. (740-393-5900) Email is preferred as counselors are out of their offices due to scheduling.

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