

Home and School Meeting  
February 13, 2020


Course Registration – Andrea LaPira, Interim Principal and Amanda Lawson (on special assignment)

As parents, be engaged. Honor your student’s interests and strengths. And talk to teachers, administrators, counselors, etc... Don’t pick a class based on friends – may not even end up together.

**SHHS has graduation requirements – 29 credits total**

5 - English  
4 - Social studies  
4 - Math  
4 - Science  
3 - World language  
3 - Fine and applied arts  
2 - Health and PE  
4 – Electives

9th grade = 1 elective  
10th grade – 2 electives  
11th grade – 3 electives  
12th grade – 4 electives

There are both artistic and academic electives available.

**Presentations for Students:**
- Delaware County Technical School (Jan 31)  
- Electives Showcase – March 2 – 4  
- Scheduling Assemblies – March 2  
- 5th block drop in – March 4-8  
- Parent coffee with counselors – March 4 and 11. 9 a.m. in guidance department. RSVP to eclark@wssd.org

March 2 – 13 is “Game on” for scheduling next year. March 13th is last day for scheduling.
Courses are at a few levels

- **College Prep** – looking at 4-year colleges, but not thinking in that subject for a major
- **Advanced Placement** - advanced electives. Need to meet the prerequisites, if any apply. Some require recommendation
- **Honors** – looking at 4-year colleges. Higher level reading, more in-depth work.

Yellow handout is the list of electives without student recommendation.

Teachers will recommend students for the next year’s level based on observations and student performance. There are stipulations when you opt in and haven’t been recommended for.

5th block music elective still available.

Starting in 10th grade, more in 11th grade, students can start to go to the technical school

Testing and course sequencing:

- 10th grade – students take Pre-ACT in April
- 11th grade - PSAT in the fall of junior year
- 11th grade – ACT and SAT in the spring. Complete Algebra 2 is recommended

**New to the Silver Guide – program guide**

- Digital Photography 2 is new, as well as video and broadcast production
- American foods 1 and 2 becoming Essentials of Cooking, culinary arts, and baking and pastry arts
- Applications of Math – for students who need extra support
- Financial literacy and Career Readiness
- Analytical Chemistry Honors and CP (strong math requirement) Chemistry CP not as math-heavy
- CADD 2 is a dual enrollment with DCCC to get college credits

**Senior Exploration**

Must have 6 credits senior year

If on track to meet graduation requirements and can choose:

- Work 10 hours
- Volunteer
- Online class – typically only can take if not offered at SHHS
- Take DCCC class
- Internship
- Independent study with a teacher that’s equal to a credit if in class

**DCCC Dual enrollment** - agreement to get college and high school credits at DCCC
Swarthmore College – will get high school credit for a Swarthmore course. Don’t pay for it and professor doesn’t have to accept student

Schedule:
- Beginning of March – can access course schedules. Must select 2 alternate electives now
- Late March/April – enrollment review, sectioning, teacher and course placement
- April/May – schedule built, reviewed, analyzed
- August – live schedules

Teachers have deadlines to make recommendations. Electives don’t require recommendations. Students should communicate with teachers, parents, and counselors. Student can’t select certain classes if a teacher hasn’t recommended them.

Now
- Read Silver Guide
- Think about post-secondary goals of student
- Talk with teachers on recommendations
- Go to counselors at drop in sessions
- Think strengths and areas of growth
- Discuss short and long term goals
- Avoid signing up for classes because of friends
- Determine how to balance time with sports, band, clubs, activities, family time
- Be ready to select electives during the week of March 2

Registration is for the entire following year, not just the fall semester. 1 semester = 1 credit. Most 5th block classes are not a full credit.

Drop/add is only one week long.

9th graders get guidance counselors in spring, so see current counselors for recommendations now.

Accuplacer is for DCCC classes over the summer – for any grades. Can place out with a certain SAT score.

Who can help with PowerSchool access? Talk to Ms. Ford in 3rd floor office.

Treasurer Report

No report. Working on wish list.
Class of 2020
- Time to order cap and gowns. Deadline is February 24
- Class cabinet snack attack for finals.
- Designer bag bingo netted $12,055.
- Lincoln Drive is April 25
- February 22 drop off for clothing at Dr. Forwood’s office
- Family donation for after prom - $50 per family.
- Boat cruise – still collecting $105. Deadline is May 27
- Senior Prom May 29

Class of 2021
- Last 2 bags of decaf coffee.

Class of 2022
- No report

Class of 2023
- Back to school night was successful to get the word out.
- Need guidance on sending out emails to larger lists of emails.

Adjourned, 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Graham