

Frosh/Soph Parent College Information Night
Scheduling/Placements Session
February 27, 2008

I. Education Plan (Sample)

- First Semester - Freshman year
- Future planning each year
- Activities
- Summer plans/activities
- College goals/ideas

II. Schedule Information

- Time line
- Forms - overview
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III. Placements

- Concerns/Myths about Honors/AP & Colleges (esp. UC)
- XL vs Honors vs AP
- General eligibility requirements
- Applications - Math **NO** forms needed!
- Availability limits (class sizes, etc.)
- English 2 XL & English 3 AP
- Geometry XL (summer school), Algebra 2 H, Pre-Calc H
- Biology (summer school), XL, AP, Chemistry H, AP
- Foreign Language = XL, Honors
- Western Cultures = AP U.S. History

Scheduling Information - Timetable for Parents

Parent should keep in mind the following timetable (Some dates are rough guesses) to ensure that their sons meet the various deadlines related to applying for courses for the upcoming school year. Students will receive scheduling materials and information from their teachers as well as reminders through Daily Announcements so parents should check these periodically via the school website.

February 14, 2008 - Scheduling Assemblies. Students receive scheduling materials (Department requirements for advanced classes, Scheduling Worksheet-parent signature required, and Practice Scantron). Applications for Advanced classes are made available to students through the Main Office or the College/Counseling center.

Feb. 15- March 10 - Students should fill out all special applications and turn these in to their teachers in those subject areas (each form will have instructions). Students who have questions about which level course to apply for should consult with their teachers and/or counselor. The school website has course descriptions for all courses under Academics and can be consulted by students and parents regarding pre-requisites, etc... Don't wait until the last day to turn in special applications.

March 11, 2008 - Scheduling Home room. Students must bring their scheduling materials to school that day. In Home room they will fill out their actual scantron with their course requests, and turn in their signed scheduling worksheet. If a student is absent that day, they must see Mrs. Wagner as soon as they return to school.

April 21, 2008 - Students should receive their approved list of courses for next year. At this time, students who applied for an Honors/AP course and were not accepted may pick up, complete, and submit an appeal form for a review of their placement. This is important for those students whose performance has improved since March. Students should ask their teacher in that particular subject area regarding whether they meet department criteria for placement. These appeals must be submitted by the end of that week. Students may see a missing course code on their approved list of courses if they applied for an elective class and were turned down. In this case, they will need to let Mr. Zielke or Mrs. Wagner know in writing which course they wish to take in its place.

May 5, 2008- Students will be informed at that time as to the result of their appeal(s). Some students will be put on the wait list pending the outcome of their second semester studies.

May 16, 2008 - Honors letters sent home to students having more than 2 advanced classes. Students who have been accepted into more than 2 Honors/AP classes will receive a letter asking them to reflect on their course load and maybe opt out of 1 or 2 to lighten their study load. This is particularly a concern for those students who are involved in a significant amount of co-curricular activities. These letters need to be annotated, signed, and returned to the school.

July 11, 2008 - Students receive their schedules by mail. These schedules reflect final department decisions regarding course placements. Due to limitations in the Master Schedule

some students may not get every class they applied for, particularly when it applies to elective classes or Honors/AP classes.