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Dear 9th, 10th, and 11th grade families,

This week, we will begin the exciting and important process of scheduling your child's classes for the 2022-2023 school year! This process begins with an informative **virtual Curriculum Fair**, requires you and your child to **input course requests onto the Infinite Campus Portal**, and culminates with a **student-counselor meeting**.

Prior to these upcoming dates, please take a few moments to examine our <u>2022-2023 Course</u> <u>Handbook</u> so you can learn about our curricular offerings and more. You may have heard about some of the amazing new programs available to our students:

- AP Macroeconomics\*
- AP US Government & Politics\*
- I am Woman; Hear Me Roar: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective\*
- Introduction to Guitar Playing
- Introduction to Musical Concepts\*
- Leaders & Leadership in History
- Long Island History\*
- Nurturing Young Children's Development\*
- Project Lead the Way: Human Body Systems\*
- Theatre Scenes
- Ukulele FUNdamentals
- Woodworking II

\*Many of these courses also offer an (optional) opportunity to earn college credit.

# Curriculum Fair - Thursday, February 17

Once you've read the handbook and compiled a list of questions, **please join us virtually this Thursday, February 17 for our 5th Annual Curriculum Fair!** This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from faculty and students about SHS opportunities. <u>Click here</u> for an informational flyer.

- 6-6:30pm AP Capstone (Seminar/Research) Information Session
- **6:30-6:45pm** "New SHS Opportunities and General Q & A" with Ms. Schnabel, Ms. Bisulca, Dr. Morey, and Ms. Scordo (continued on next page)

• **7-8pm** – Department Q & A Breakout Sessions – Click on each link below to join a Zoom meeting.

7-8pm: Math/Business/Computers 7:15-8pm: Social Studies

Science & Technology 7:30-8pm: World Languages/

Music NYS Seal of Biliteracy 7:15-7:45pm: Art Password: Z50qKq

**English** 

## **Trivia Question**

Which SHS resource can help ALL students succeed in ALL classes? **If you guessed the library, you're right!** Ms. McCloskey put together an informative video for all to learn about the incredible tools available to us all. Please <u>click here</u> to learn about multiple tools.

## Course Requests for 2022-2023 Programs

The course selection process will be completed **online** by students, which allows both students and families the opportunity to discuss and choose courses from home. **The Portal will be open for online course selection Thursday, February 17 through Sunday, February 27.** 

**New!** Students can now create their own Campus Student Portal account. Try out yours by completing your requests on your own account. Your user ID is your student number (find this on your parent/guardian's portal account) and your password is your last name followed by your birthday in the following format: mm/dd/yy.

Example: Mary Smith, student number 12345, with a birthday of May 1, 1983

- User ID: 12345
- Password: smith050183

The following may be of interest to you as you help your child plan his/her 2022-2023 course of study:

- Refer to the <u>2022-2023 Course Handbook</u> for questions about prerequisites, course descriptions and diploma types.
- <u>View this directional sheet</u> that is designed to assist both you and your child as you choose courses on the Parent Portal.
- **February 27** is the last day to select courses.
- Safeguard that your child has selected the appropriate *number* of courses. Please see pages 5-6 of <u>Course Handbook</u> for details.
- Utilize an *Advanced Self Selection Conference Form* if your child does not meet the GPA prerequisites for a particular course he/she wishes to take. This form can be found on the Guidance web site and in the Guidance Office. Forms should be returned to the counselors by March 1.

## **Student-Counselor Scheduling Meetings**

Once course selections are completed by the student, our guidance counselors will meet with each student individually to help ensure that we build a schedule of classes that will both satisfy graduation requirements and challenge each student to reach his/her fullest potential. **These meetings will begin February 28.** During these meetings, your child and his/her counselor will review the course selections to check for accuracy and appropriate placement and discuss any additional information related to your child's program.

#### Advanced Placement 101 - March 1

- Should your child enroll in an Advanced Placement course, or maybe more than one?
- How does taking an AP course benefit students?
- How are the exams built and what should students expect?
- How should students prepare for the exams?

Thanks to our partnership with the Princeton Review, you can learn the answers to all of these questions and more at a special **Zoom workshop on March 1 at 6:30pm**. This workshop is open to all students (and families) thinking about an AP course or enrolled in one. Please <u>register here!</u>

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding course selection, please contact your child's guidance counselor. We look forward to working with you to ensure his/her academic program is a success.

Truly Yours in Seaford Pride,

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