

# **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

**WELCOME FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS**



# INFORMATION TONIGHT

- **REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR RISING FRESHMAN**
- **HOW CLASS REGISTRATION TIES TO GRADUATION**
- **STUDY HABITS AND LEVEL OF MONITORING**

# REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **SIGN UP ONLINE FOR APPOINTMENT TIMES FOR STATION CAMP MIDDLE STUDENTS**
- **PLAN TO BE AT APPOINTMENT 15 MINUTES EARLY TO TURN IN PROOF OF RESIDENCY**
- **APPOINTMENTS WILL GENERALLY LAST ABOUT 15 MINUTES**
- **DATE AND TIME DO NOT DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF CLASSES**

# WHAT COUNTS AS PROOF OF RESIDENCY

- **ELECTRIC BILL**
- **WATER BILL**
- **LAND LINE PHONE BILL**
- **RENTAL AGREEMENT**
- **SATELLITE/CABLE BILL**
- **LAST 30 DAYS (CURRENT PROOFS)**

# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE APPOINTMENT

- **GO OVER TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION FORMS**
- **YOU AND STUDENT WILL PICK 8 CLASSES**
- **FOUR TO FIVE CLASSES WILL BE ACADEMIC CORE CLASSES**
- **ONE WELLNESS, ONE FINE ARTS CLASS, AND ONE ELECTIVE FOCUS CLASS**

# WHAT DOES A TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM LOOK LIKE?

Subject (please circle the students level in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	TERM 1 GRADE	CURRENT GRADE	Work Ethic (1=Below Average, 5=Strong)	RTI Tier Level (1, 2, or 3)	Recommendation (based on grades, work ethic, and TCAP score for each subject)	Teacher Initials
<b>Language Arts</b> Std or Adv					Standard	
					Honors (A or B+ in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Literature, Strong Work Ethic, "Advanced" TCAP score in Reading/Language Arts)	
<b>Math</b> Standard Advanced					Algebra A / B Algebra I Standard      See Math Department Chart Algebra I Honors	
					Physical Science Standard Physical Science Honors (A or B+ in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade science, Strong Work Ethic, "Advanced" TCAP score in Science )	
<b>Social Studies</b>					World History World History Honors (A or B+ in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, teacher recommendation, strong work ethic, "Advanced" TCAP score in Social Studies)	

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE TO PARENTS\*\*\*\*\***  
**Student placement may be adjusted based on 8<sup>th</sup> grade TCAP scores**



# **ACADEMIC CORE CLASSES PER TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – STANDARD OR HONORS ENGLISH I**
- **SCIENCE – STANDARD OR HONORS PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
- **SOCIAL STUDIES – STANDARD OR HONORS WORLD HISTORY OR ADVANCE PLACEMENT HUMAN GEO.**
- **MATH – STANDARD / HONORS ALGEBRA I OR ALGEBRA A AND ALGEBRA B**

# WELLNESS

- **EVERYBODY TAKES WELLNESS**
- **ALL STUDENTS NEED WELLNESS TO GRADUATE FROM A TN STATE SCHOOL**
- **ONLY EXCEPTION ARE STUDENTS WHO TAKE TWO SEMESTERS OF JROTC**



# **FINE ARTS CLASSES – PICK ONE PLEASE**

- **VISUAL ARTS I**
- **THEATRE ARTS I**
- **DANCE I**
- **FALL BAND - (STUDENT IS RECOMMENDED TO ALSO TAKE SPRING CONCERT BAND)**
- **PIANO**

# **ELECTIVE FOCUS PATHWAYS**

- **ELECTIVE FOCUS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS IN HIGH SCHOOL**
- **STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO SWITCH PATHWAYS AS LONG AS 3 CREDITS ARE EARNED IN A SPECIFIC PATH**
- **SOME OF THE PATHWAYS: MARKETING (2), BUSINESS (3), AGRISCIENCE (3), FINE ARTS, JROTC, HUMANITIES, NUTRITION, AND FASHION DESIGN (JUST TO NAME A FEW)**

# **STUDENTS WILL TAKE 8 CLASSES**

- **4 X 4 BLOCK SYSTEM**
- **4 CLASSES TAKEN DURING THE FALL SEMESTER FOR A FULL CREDIT EACH**
- **4 CLASSES TAKEN DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER FOR A FULL CREDIT EACH**

# 26 CREDITS TO GRADUATE

- **4 CREDITS OF ENGLISH ( I, II, III, AND IV)**
- **4 CREDITS OF MATH (ALG. I AND II, GEOMETRY, AND ONE HIGHER LEVEL MATH) – MATH TAKEN EVERY YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL**
- **3 CREDITS OF SCIENCE (BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY, PLUS ONE LAB SCIENCE – PHYSICAL SCIENCE)**
- **3 CREDITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES**
- **3 CREDITS OF ELECTIVE FOCUS**
- **1 CREDIT OF FINE ARTS**
- **1.5 CREDITS OF WELLNESS/PE**
- **.5 CREDIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE**
- **4 CREDITS OF ELECTIVES**

# FRESHMAN SUCCESS

- **STUDENTS TAKE THE SAME 4 CLASSES EVERY DAY PER SEMESTER**
- **CLASSES ARE SEMESTER LONG AND ARE 90 MINUTES EACH DAY**
- **RECOMMEND STUDENTS SPEND TIME AT HOME REVIEWING EACH SUBJECT EVERY DAY**
- **MAKE SURE PARENTS AND STUDENTS HAVE PARENT PORTAL LOGINS AND CHECK REGULARLY**
- **FRESHMAN YEAR GENERALLY SETS TONE FOR REST OF HIGH SCHOOL**
- **HAVE GOOD STUDY HABITS STARTING NOW**

# **BEST STUDY HABITS**

- **PROPER AMOUNT OF SLEEP EVERY NIGHT**
- **HEALTHY MEALS**
- **QUIET STUDY SPACE WITH NO PHONES**
- **WORK SCHOOL LIKE A JOB (PARENTS YOU KNOW THIS)**



# COMMUNICATION

- **TEACHERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS VIA E-MAIL (FACULTY PAGE ON SCHS WEBSITE)**
- **TAKE TIME EVERYDAY TO TALK WITH YOUR STUDENT (NOT JUST ABOUT SCHOOL)**
- **STUDENTS SHOULD GET INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
- **BALANCE SCHOOL AND LIFE**