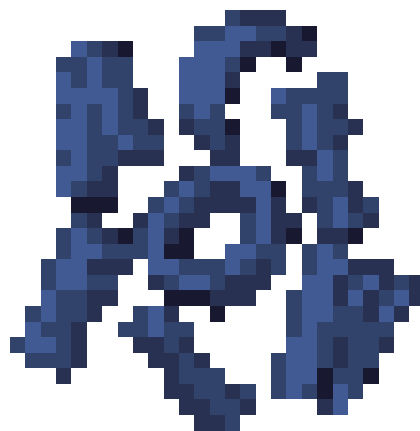


COURSE SELECTION

Class of 2023





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9TH GRADE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Agenda

- ❖ What's so different?
- ❖ High school vocabulary
- ❖ Course selection process

Differences

TEMS

Hours~ 8:05 – 2:40

Attendance= during HR



Trimesters

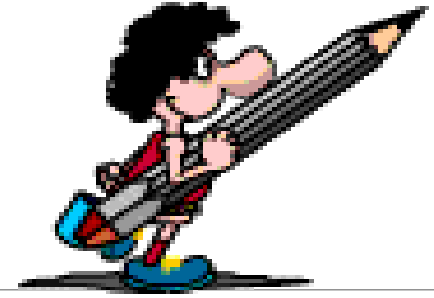
SWHS

Hours~ 7:25- 2:00

Attendance = EACH class

Semesters

Differences



TEMS

Classes= team hallway

Lockers= team area

Lunch= with 8th grade ONLY

SWHS

Classes= throughout school

Lockers= assigned

Lunch= ALL grades

Differences

TEMS

Predetermined classes

Leveling= ONLY math

Grades are important

SWHS

Many course offerings

Leveling= many classes

Grades~ credits for graduation





Vocabulary

❖ Levels

❖ Credits

❖ Elective

❖ Prerequisite



Levels



**Two levels for academic courses
for 9th grade**

- ✓ College Prep
- ✓ Honors

Levels

Teacher recommendations are based on:

- Current performance
- Work habits
- Grades
- Benchmark and state assessment



Make sure you have a balance!

Credits

- ❖ Semester class
= ½ credit
- ❖ Full year class
= 1 credit



**Need passing grades
in order to earn credit
in your classes!**

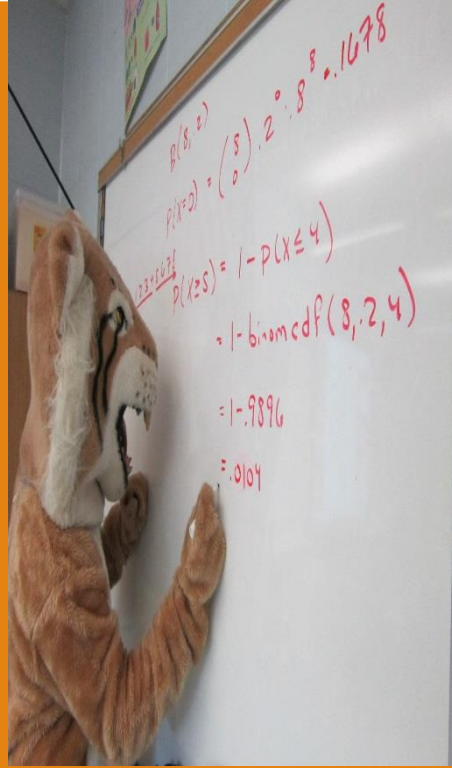


**“No, I can’t explain my D in math. That class
teaches us about numbers, not letters!”**



ENGLISH

- Humanities
- First Year English
- The Modern World: An Inter. Seminar



MATH

- Integrated Math
- Algebra I
- Geometry



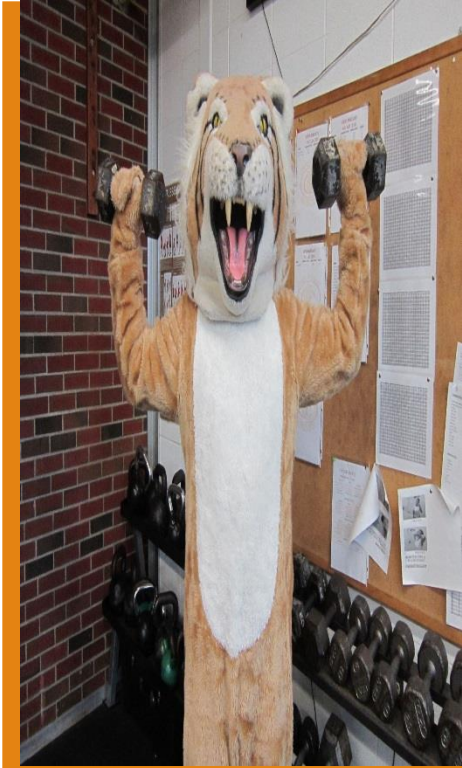
SCIENCE

- Science Exploration
- Physical Science



SOCIAL STUDIES

- Humanities
- Modern World History
- The Modern World: An Inter. Seminar



HEALTH

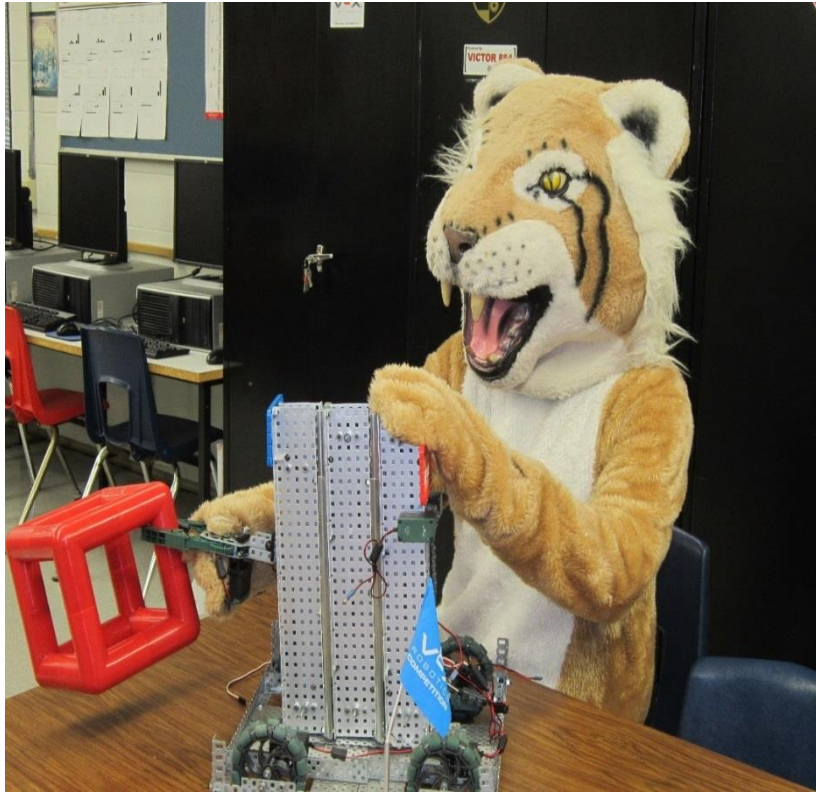
- Health I

Electives

An **elective** is a class *chosen* by a student, as opposed to a required course which the student **must** take.



Prerequisite

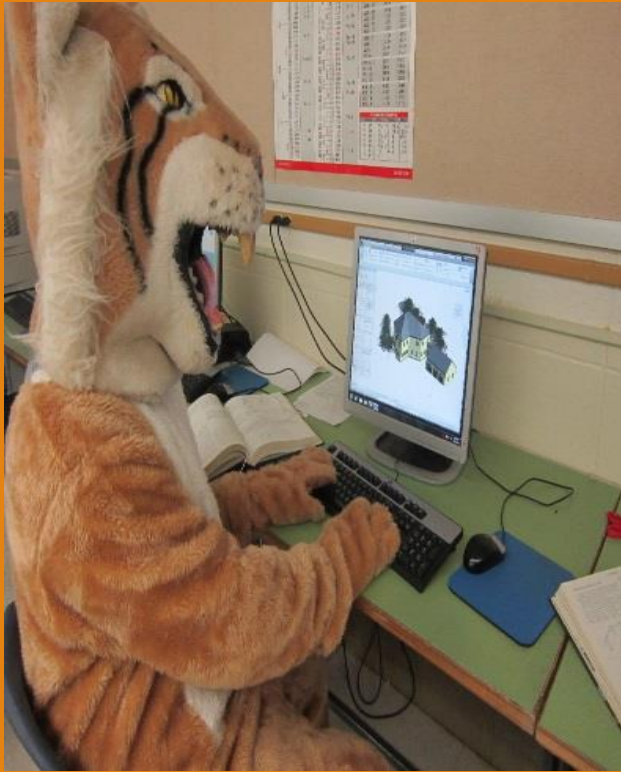


A prerequisite is a specific class that you **MUST** complete *before* you can take the next sequential course.

Deciding....

- ❑ Electives are important to develop your skills, interests and talents ~ what do you like to learn about? What is your career interest?
- ❑ Consult with others (siblings, parents, etc.)





CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

- Business & Finance
- Technology Education
- Family & Consumer Science



MUSIC

- Vocal Ensembles
- Instrumental Ensembles
- Other General Music



VISUAL ARTS

World Language

- American Sign Language I
- French I, II
- Italian I
- Latin I
- Spanish I, II





What could my
schedule look like?

Sample Schedule

World Language

If you are enrolling in a World Language, the course **MUST** be noted as one elective.

Period	Class	Credits
1	English	1
2	Mathematics	1
3	Science	1
4	Social Studies	1
5	Health/General Physical Education	.5/.5
6	Spanish	1
7	Arch. Design	1
8	Intro Painting/ Intro Drawing	.5/.5

Sample Schedule

Music

If you are auditioning for a SPECIFIC music class, start by enrolling in:

- ❖ Concert Chorus
- ❖ Symphonic Band
- ❖ String Orchestra

Period	Class	Credits
1	English	1
2	Mathematics	1
3	Science	1
4	Social Studies	1
5	Health/ Freshman Seminar	.5/.5
6	French	1
7	Symphonic Band	1
8	Fashion Design/Intro Claywork	.5/.5

Sample Schedule

❖ Students who would like to have **study hall** will simply **leave the box blank** on the worksheet.

❖ No credit is assigned to study hall.

Period	Class	Credits
1	English	1
2	Mathematics	1
3	Science	1
4	Social Studies	1
5	Health/Freshman Seminar	.5/.5
6	Latin	1
7	Concert Chorus	1
8	Study hall	0



Timeline:

deadlines are strictly adhered to

February

Students enter
course requests
into
PowerSchool

March
22nd

Deadline for
LEVEL changes

May

Preliminary
schedules
mailed

Tours at SWHS

June

Deadline for
ELECTIVE
changes

Words of advice....

Get involved

- By joining a club or sport you will make connections with other students

Study hall

- If you are able, take a study hall and use it!

Teachers

- Talk to your teachers if you are confused, they are there to help!

Time
Management

- Need to have a routine since homework increases



Supports

- ❖ Freshman Orientation (August), CATS
- ❖ Extra help from teachers
 - Late bus days on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- ❖ NHS peer tutoring
- ❖ PowerSchool
- ❖ Become involved ~ make an impact!
- ❖ School Counselors ~ we're here to help!



Recap



- Read the course selection booklet *carefully*
- Talk to parents/guardians about electives
- Give alternates....just in case!
- What you pick ~ STICKS!

Tasks

- Complete brief survey
- On back of your course selection booklet:
 1. English
 2. Math
 3. Science
 4. Social Studies
 5. Health/
 6. Elective
 7. Elective
 8. Elective



QUESTIONS?