

*Welcome to
8th Grade Parent Information Night!*



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Overview of Tonight

- Role of School Counselor
- Graduation requirements
- Overview of college requirements
- Academic/Career Planning and Course Guide
- Course selection
- 9th grade courses & samples
- Upcoming dates
- Importance of balance





HS graduation vs. College Requirements

WFB Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 years
- Math: 3 years
- Science: 3 years
- Social Studies: 3 years
- PE: 3 semesters
- Health: 1 semester
- Cultural Arts: 2 semesters
(includes Art, Music, Drama, Woodworking, & World Language)
- Computers – 1 semester

4 Year College Admissions

- English: 4 years
- Math: 3 years (4 years preferred).
- Science: 3 years (4 years preferred).
- Social Studies: 3 years
- World Language: Some colleges require 2 years; more selective colleges prefer 3 to 4 years.

Academic & Career Planning Course Guide

- Naviance – use for ACP planning
- [Academic Handbook/Course Guide](#)



Mathematics

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 > -3 \\ 0.999\dots = 1 \\ \pi \approx 3.14 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 5^{2+3} \\ 101_2 = 5_{10} \end{array}$$

- Placement based on math placement test, 1st semester final grade, current performance, and teacher recommendation.
- Algebra Block, Algebra, or Geometry.

Science

- Biology

English

- English 1 and 2

Social Studies

- Global Studies



World Language

- World language is encouraged, but not required for graduation. It will fulfill the Cultural Arts credit requirement.
- Teacher recommendations should be followed from middle school and private schools.
- 8th grade year reflected on transcript if enter at level 2. (P for pass, no credit)

9th Grade Elective Courses

- 2D Design
- 2D Intermediate
- 3D Design
- Ceramics
- Ceramics & Sculpture 2
- Graphic Design
- Concert Choir
- Concert Orchestra
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science Java
- Band
- Jazz Band II
- Music Theory
- AP Music Theory
- Concert Band
- American Pop Music
- Acting
- Exploration of Theatre Design
- Keyboarding
- Introduction to Business
- Computer Science 1 (B or better in Algebra)
- Woodworking 1 and 2
- PLTW: Introduction to Engineering and Design
- PLTW: Biomedical Sciences
- Black History
- French 1 or 2
- Spanish 1 or 2
- German 1 or 2

*Semester classes = 1 credit

*Year long class = 2 credits

*Some classes have prerequisites

*PLTW: Project Lead the Way

(nationally recognized eng. program)

Sample Schedule #1

	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	English 1	Elective
2	Study Hall	Global Studies
3	PE 9	English 2
4	Math	Math
5	Biology	Biology
6	Global Studies	Study Hall
7	Elective	Elective

Sample Schedule #2

	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	English 1	English 2
2	Global Studies	Global Studies
3	PE 9	Elective or Study Hall
4	Math	Math
5	Biology	Biology
6	World Language	World Language
7	Concert Choir	Concert Choir

Course Selection and Calendar

- Private school testing - completed December 2023.
- Course selection:
(Holy Family 2/7, St. Monica's 2/8, WFBMS 2/13. For other schools, we will contact the families)
- Spring 2024: Individual conferences with students and parent(s) and counselor at HS.
- Appointment times sent in February/early March.

8th Grade Conferences

- Email your counselor directly to request a Zoom meeting.
- Appointments are approximately 20 minutes.
- Parents remind student on day of appointment.
- Students should return to class as quickly as possible.

Upcoming Events and Dates

- Registration & Pictures - August 2024
- Freshmen Summer Academy offering 2024
- New Parent Orientation - August 2024
- Meet the Teachers Night - August 2024
- 9th Grade Orientation - September 3, 2024
- Activity Fair - First week of school 2024

Helpful Tips!

- Healthy habits (sleep, social media and personal device)
- Check Family Access 1x a week
- ISHP is a requirement in the first quarter
- Encourage student ownership/responsibility
- Structure at home, checking in
- Student involvement is key!
- Balance



Thank you for coming!



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