SCHEDULING

In early January students in grades 9 - 11 will be receiving the 2019-20 Course of Studies newspaper and all scheduling materials to begin choosing their courses. Counselors and teachers will be talking with all students about course recommendations for next year and providing support as they build their schedules. In addition, we encourage students to talk with parents as they choose their courses since you know them best!

Parents and students are invited to attend Course Information Night on 1/10/19 at 6 PM to explore courses in core subjects at all levels, electives from all departments and Career Technical Education programs. The Infinite Campus Portal will be open from Jan. 7th to Feb. 1st for students to enter their course selections. Feb. 1st is the deadline for all courses to be entered in the portal and all course selection worksheets/applications to be turned in to the School Counseling office.

As you may know, our master schedule will be changed to a new format starting in the 2019-20 school year and we are looking forward to all of the benefits this will have for students.

To learn more about these changes and how they came to be, please check out Principal Collyer’s letter that was sent to parents to provide this information.
SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY 7 – FEBRUARY 1
COURSE SELECTION
Infinite Campus Portal open for students to enter 2019-20 course selection.

JANUARY 9
SOPHOMORE CAREER DAY
Snow date - 1/10/19

JANUARY 10
COURSE INFORMATION NIGHT
6:00 PM in the PAC - To begin planning for the 2019-20 class schedule. Students in grades 8-11 and their parents are welcome

JANUARY 18 & 23
EXAM DAYS & "OFFICE HOURS"
For students to visit with teachers to discuss course recommendations for next year; student dismissal 11 AM.

Key Club

Key Club is a community service-oriented, high school student organization that is affiliated with Kiwanis Club International. Their mission is to promote an understanding of being an active and positive influence in our school, local and global communities.

Our SHS Key Club has an astounding 182 members, who all take part in the numerous community service and volunteer efforts throughout the year. Some examples of activities form this year and last are: weekly packing of food for 68 Hours of Hunger families; running a yearly Halloween Party for Salem children in conjunction with the recreation department; collecting candy for troops abroad; buying and wrapping presents to provide a magical holiday to six local families (Adopt-a-Family); adopting a “Make-a-Wish” child each year to raise at least $10,000 toward a specific wish (last year raised $12,700 to make one child’s wish come true); and participating in Relay-for-Life each year to raise money for cancer.

Students are welcome to attend a weekly Key Club meeting at 7 AM on Mondays to find out more and get involved.
SAT PREPARATION

Salem Continuing Education will be offering a 9 week SAT Preparation Course, which will provide a review of concepts, test-taking approaches and practice questions that will help students increase their understanding of the SAT. The classes will start the week of 1/7/19 and will conclude prior to the March test, which will be conducted during the school day for all juniors. A class for math prep is running on Tuesdays and a class for English prep will run on Thursdays at either 3:30 or 6 PM. The cost is $175.

Please contact the Continuing Education office at 893-7074 for more information or to register.

Additional practice for the SAT can be found online through Khan Academy.

COLLEGE RESOURCES

Now that many seniors have either submitted their college applications or are nearing the end of this process, it is time to start seriously considering how to pay for this. There are many scholarships out there - local, statewide and national. A student does not need to have the highest GPA or be the best athlete to get a scholarship - there are many types of scholarships available for many different reasons.

Colleges also award their own scholarships for academic achievement, but in order to qualify the student (and parent) must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is also how colleges determine financial need and eligibility for grants and loans. All families should complete the FAFSA by the college specific deadline to qualify for any college scholarships or financial aid.

Please check out the links on our Scholarship page of the School Counselor website to find out about the variety of opportunities.

Need help filing the FAFSA? Contact NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) to schedule an appointment in their Concord office.

Here is more information about dates and times.

Check out the January Senior Scoop for even more information about college/career planning!