



# Smithtown Central School District

26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, New York 11787

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## *9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Information Session*

*“MAKING THE MOST OF HIGH  
SCHOOL”*

October 12, 2023

\* Links to resources are in red. Please click on  
them to access the resource.

# AGENDA

What do you need to know for your next four years?

1. Graduation requirements
2. Transcript/Grading
3. Scheduling
4. Honor Societies
5. Extra-curricular/volunteer activities
6. College Testing

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| <u>Courses</u>     | <u>Advanced Regents Diploma</u> | <u>Regents Diploma &amp; Local Diploma</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| English            | 4                               | 4  |
| Social Studies     | 4                               | 4  |
| Mathematics        | 3                               | 3  |
| Science            | 3                               | 3  |
| Health             | .5                              | .5   |
| Art/Music          | 1                               | 1  |
| World Languages    | 3                               | 1  |
| Physical Education | 2                               | 2  |
| Electives          | 1.5                             | 3.5  |

**Advanced Regents Diploma** : 22 credits and score of 65 or above on 8 Regents exams and passing grade of a 65 on FLACS – Checkpoint B.

**Regents Diploma**: 22 credits and score of 65 or above on 5 Regents exams. \*

**Local Diploma**: Available for students with disabilities only. 22 credits and score of 55 or above on 5 Regents exams. \*

\* (As of March 2016) New Graduation Pathways (“4 + 1” option) - An assessment in the Arts, Languages other than English/ Biliteracy, Career & Technical Education, STEM, or meeting all the requirements for CDOS Commencement Credential may be used to meet graduation assessment requirements in place of Global History Regents or US History Regents.

Student Name:  
 Student ID:  
 Date of Birth:

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 Grade: 12  
 Birthdate:  
 Cumulative Credit: 25.50  
 GPA: 4.67

| High School Courses                     | Final Grade | Quality Points | Credit Earned |
|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>22-23 Smithtown HS - West Campus</b> |             |                |               |
| AP English Language and Composition     | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| AP U.S. History                         | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Introduction to Calculus Honors         | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| AP Computer Science A                   | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| AP Physics 1                            | A           | 4.00           | 1.00          |
| PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science   | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| College Spanish 4                       | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Student Aide A/D Yr (.5)                | P           | 0.00           | 0.50          |
| Movement and Exploration                | A+          | 4.40           | 0.50          |
| <b>21-22 Smithtown HS - West Campus</b> |             |                |               |
| English 10 Honors                       | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| AP World History: Modern                | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Intro to Computer Science Programming   | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Algebra 2 Honors                        | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| AP Biology                              | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| College Spanish 3                       | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Student Aide Sem (.50)                  | P           | 0.00           | 0.50          |
| Lifetime Sports                         | A+          | 4.40           | 0.50          |
| <b>20-21 Smithtown HS - West Campus</b> |             |                |               |
| English 9 Honors                        | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Global History 1 Honors                 | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Geometry Honors                         | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Earth Science Honors                    | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Spanish 2                               | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Health                                  | A+          | 4.40           | 0.50          |
| Keyboarding for College & Careers       | A+          | 4.40           | 0.50          |
| Studio In Art                           | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Physical Education 9                    | A+          | 4.40           | 0.50          |
| <b>19-20 Accomsett Middle School</b>    |             |                |               |
| Algebra 1                               | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Biology                                 | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| Spanish 1                               | A+          | 4.40           | 1.00          |
| <b>Summer School Courses</b>            |             |                |               |

| New York State Assessments              | August | January | June |
|---|--------|---------|------|
| <b>22-23 Smithtown HS - West Campus</b> |        |         |      |
| Regents Common Core ELA                 |        |         | 95   |
| Regents Physical Setting/Physics        |        |         | 96   |
| Regents US History&Gov't (Framework)    |        |         | 91   |
| <b>21-22 Smithtown HS - West Campus</b> |        |         |      |
| FLACS Checkpoint B Exam: Spanish        |        |         | 100  |
| Regents Common Core Algebra II          |        |         | 99   |
| Regents Global History New Framework    |        |         | 98   |
| <b>20-21 Smithtown HS - West Campus</b> |        |         |      |
| Regents Common Core Geometry            |        |         | E    |
| Regents Physical Setting/Earth Science  |        |         | E    |
| <b>19-20 Accomsett Middle School</b>    |        |         |      |
| FLACS Checkpoint A Exam: Spanish        |        |         | E    |
| Regents Common Core Algebra I           |        |         | E    |
| Regents Living Environment              |        |         | E    |

| Courses in Progress |  |        |
|---------------------|--|--------|
| Term                | Course                                 | Credit |
| 23-24               | AP Calculus BC                         | 1.00   |
| 23-24               | AP Chemistry                           | 1.00   |
| 23-24               | College English 12                     | 1.00   |
| 23-24               | College Spanish 5                      | 1.00   |
| S1                  | Economics                              | 0.50   |
| 23-24               | Movement and Exploration               | 0.50   |
| 23-24               | Participation in Government/Leadership | 0.50   |
| 23-24               | PLTW Human Body Systems                | 1.00   |
| 23-24               | Student Aide A/D Yr (.5)               | 0.50   |

# GRADING POLICY

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|      |              |     |
|------|--------------|-----|
| • A+ | 97 and above | 4.4 |
| • A  | 93 to 96     | 4.0 |
| • A- | 90 to 92     | 3.6 |
| • B+ | 87 to 89     | 3.3 |
| • B  | 83 to 86     | 3.0 |
| • B- | 80 to 82     | 2.6 |
| • C+ | 77 to 79     | 2.3 |
| • C  | 73 to 76     | 2.0 |
| • C- | 70 to 72     | 1.6 |
| • D+ | 67 to 69     | 1.3 |
| • D  | 65 to 66     | 1.0 |
| • F  | 64 or below  | 0.0 |

\*Advanced Placement courses and PLTW classes add a weighting factor of +1 When AP Exams are taken

# GRADE REPORTING DATES

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Quarter 1 - Ends 11/9/23

Quarter 2 - Ends 1/26/24

Quarter 3 - Ends 4/5/24

Quarter 4 - Ends 6/25/24

# HS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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## **Academics Support:**

1. Extra help with subject area teacher
2. Math Lab open every period and before school
3. Extended classes
4. AIS in all subjects
5. Peer Tutors

# HS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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## Social Emotional and Guidance

1. **School Counselors (Current Caseloads)**
2. **School Social Workers**
3. **Psychologists**
4. **Mental Health Resources**



# Counseling Center Google Classroom

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We have created a Google Classroom for every grade level.  
We will be routinely updating with helpful resources  
throughout the year. Please login and take a look:

High School West classroom code: **4biv53j**

High School East classroom code: **ubtb2kv**

# PARENT PORTAL

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- All parents have access to the Parent Portal.
- Parents can access daily bulletin, daily attendance, historical grades, scheduling information, unofficial transcripts, electronic grade book and teacher contact information.
- Please review the [Parent Portal FAQ](#) for assistance or contact the following
  - Main Office 382-2905 at HSW.
  - Main Office 382-2701 at HSE.

# SCHEDULING

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- The Scheduling process for the next school year begins as early as December of the present school year.
- Counselors will advise students on how to begin inputting course requests. During this time students and parents are able to access their course requests from home via the Parent Portal.
- We encourage parents to read the [Program Guide](#) and ask any questions about the course selection process during this time. \*An updated version will be available at a later date
- There will be time to review, discuss and make alterations to selections, and then you will be asked to review the final receipt of course selections before the system locks
- Once courses selections are reviewed, there will be no changes permitted to elective requests or P.E. (See the [Course Change Policy](#)).

# CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND SPORTS

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- Why encourage students to join clubs or play a sport?
  - Meet new people and explore new areas.
  - Include on a job application.
  - Include on a college application.
  - Improve time management skills.
  - Productive use of free time.
  - Maintain connection to the high school community

Co-Curricular Lists are available to students in the Counseling Center, as well as on the individual high school website. The Club & Activity Guide will offer a full description of all clubs and the Quick Look will provide meeting days/times and advisor names.

# WILSON TECH

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- Available for our Juniors and Seniors
- Wilson Tech is a Vocational Program which involves ½ day at a WT Campus and a ½ day Academic program at the high school. Some popular programs are: Auto Tech, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Nurse Assisting, Vet Asst.
- [Take a Virtual Tour](#)

# NCAA

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- National Collegiate Athletics Association
- Clearinghouse for DIV I & II College Sports
- Academic requirements (16 core courses & sliding scale for standardized testing)
- Approved NCAA courses indicated in the [SCSD Program Guide](#) and on the NCAA website
- [NCAA GUIDE FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE](#)
- [CoreCourseGPA](#) Provided by Smithtown Booster Club
- [SCSD Student Athlete Handbook](#)

# WORKING PAPERS

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- Pick up application in offices below:

HSW: Health Office / HSE: Main Office

- Bring completed application to health office for nurse's signature on '*physical fitness certification section*'
- Bring home for parents signature
- Card will be handed to student immediately when returned with parent's signature. Make a copy of card to give to employer and keep original.

# VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

[WWW.LONGISLANDVOLUNTEERCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.LONGISLANDVOLUNTEERCENTER.ORG)

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- Opportunities begin at local organizations such as hospitals, religious affiliations, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, town hall, nursing homes.
- Begin commitment in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and stay with the organization for 4 years. Each year, take on new responsibilities within the organization to show growth and leadership skills.
- Devote volunteer time to one or two organizations rather than multiple organizations. It's the "quality" of work, not "quantity."
- Keep a list of all extracurricular/volunteer activities beginning in grade 9.



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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**11<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the criteria will be invited to apply (this typically takes place in the month of January).**

- Current criteria is: 3.75 GPA and above.
- School Involvement (Clubs, Sports, etc.)
- Community Service Hours
- Personal Statement
- HS West - Anthony Limoli [alimoli@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:alimoli@smithtown.k12.ny.us)  
Catherine Abbott [cabbott@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:cabbott@smithtown.k12.ny.us)
- HS East – Maria Zeitlin: [mzeitlin@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:mzeitlin@smithtown.k12.ny.us)

# OTHER HONOR SOCIETIES

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- Math, Foreign Language, English, Social Studies, Science, Art, Business, Technology & Music (Tri-M).
- Contact Department directly about requirements and deadline dates.
- Advisors listed on the Co-curricular List

Honor Society Opportunities [2023-2024 Honor Society Handbook](#)

# PLAN AHEAD – COLLEGE TESTING

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- AP exams are scheduled in May
- PSAT is taken in October of junior and/or sophomore year
- SAT Reasoning Test and ACT are typically taken in the spring semester of the junior year
- Retake SAT/ACT, if necessary.
- [College Testing Calendar](#) available on website

*\*Please note, these are private companies and there are additional costs attached to all of the above mentioned examinations.*

# COLLEGE TESTING: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (CLASSIFIED, DECLASSIFIED AND 504 STUDENTS:)

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- College Board and ACT require a separate application for testing accommodations for students with disabilities.
- Classified Special Education students: College Board application is completed by student's primary teacher as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Declassified and 504 students: College Board application is completed by student's School Counselor as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ACT application is completed when the student registers for the ACT test in their junior year.
- Testing accommodations from College Board and ACT are **not guaranteed and are not immediate**. The testing company determines the eligibility.

# SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER



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Assistance finding Paid &/or Unpaid Internships  
Assistance finding a Summer or after-school Job  
Resume Writing  
Self - Assessment  
Career Exploration

Mr. Philip Como  
Work Experience & Internship  
Coordinator—382-5210/382-2977

**VISIT THE CAREER CENTER WEBSITE:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/smithtowncareercenter](http://www.tinyurl.com/smithtowncareercenter)

E-Mail Mr. Como at [pcomo@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:pcomo@smithtown.k12.ny.us)

# THANK YOU

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