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Dear Parent/Guardian of 9, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students,

January 2024

It is time to schedule our students for the 2024-2025 school year. We encourage you to participate in the planning of your child's instructional program for the new school year by becoming familiar with the on-line 2024-2025 Program Guide. Additionally we encourage you to discuss educational options with your child and the professional staff throughout the scheduling process.

#### **Teacher/Departmental Recommendations**

 Once the portal opens on February 1st, the course first displayed in each respective subject represents the course that your child has been recommended for. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher(s) if you have any questions about the recommendation.

## Online Course Request on the Parent Portal

Parents will have access to view departmental recommendations and have the ability to change elective courses via the parent portal
 (<a href="https://smithtown.powerschool.com/public/home.html">https://smithtown.powerschool.com/public/home.html</a>) from February 1st – February 9<sup>th</sup>.
 February 9<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for parents to make any elective changes on-line. Starting February 28<sup>th</sup>, parents will be able to view and finalize course selections. Please refer to this "Scheduling Help Document" in order to assist you and your child with the scheduling process.

#### Counselor Support (See page 3)

While students and families are able to make course selections at home through the parent
portal during the scheduling window, counselors will be available to assist students with their
course requests. In addition to your ability to call and email the counselors directly, we will be
setting up a location in each building for students to drop in with their chromebooks and meet
with their counselors. During the scheduling window, please have your child listen for
announcements guiding them to the specified location should they need counselor assistance.

### **Challenge by Choice**

 Students interested in challenging their placement by enrolling in a related honors, college, or Advanced Placement course, and who have taken the prerequisite course(s), should choose the course from the drop down during scheduling. As part of this process, students should discuss their interest in taking more challenging coursework with their current classroom teacher, parents/guardians and counselor. For additional information regarding "challenge by choice" please refer to the 2024-2025 Program Guide.

#### **Regents Extended Courses**

• Due to the district's commitment to preparing students to meet the rigorous NYS graduation requirements, regents extended (RE) courses cannot be challenged.

#### Wilson Technical High School

• Juniors and seniors can attend Wilson Tech. Students who choose a career and technical education program attend their High School for half a day and are bused to Tech for the other half of the school day. Some of the popular programs are Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Nurse Assisting and Veterinary Assisting. Below you will find a virtual orientation and brochure for students who may be interested in taking advantage of the program. An application must be filled out and returned to your counselor by the deadline. Applications can be picked up in the counseling office or printed from your counseling center google classroom. If you have any questions, please see your school counselor. Please submit your Wilson Tech Application as soon as possible before March 1st. Admission is rolling and space is limited.

Wilson Tech Orientation Video
Wilson Tech Brochure
Wilson Tech Application

## **Business/Family and Consumer Sciences/Technology Electives**

 Taking electives is a great way for students to find their niche and build lifelong skills that will help them in the future. Smithtown offers a comprehensive list of electives and some tracks will lead to NYS CTE Technical Endorsement on their high school diploma. Please click the links below for an in depth presentation of these electives.

> Business FCS Technology

Projected enrollments are determined by the number of selections that are made by the students. Therefore, it is important that requests are well planned and suitable to accommodate the learning needs of your child. Please remember that the availability of the program is subject to fiscal constraints affecting the K-12 operations of the district.

Respectfully,

Kevin Colon

Administrator for Guidance and Related Student Services

# High School East - Scheduling Help (Location: Library Instructional Lab)

Period	Monday, Feb 5th	Tuesday, Feb 6th	Wednesday, Feb 7th	
4 - 9:37-10:18	Kelly Brouthers	Patricia Coppola	Niki Vescio	
	Diane Giannico	Krista LaPresti	Karen Schmalz	
5 - 10:22- 11:03	Karen Schmalz	Krista LaPresti	Brian Alemaghides	
	Patricia Coppola	Kelly Brouthers	Robert Woods	
6 - 11:07- 11:48	Brian Alemaghides	Karen Schmalz	Krista LaPresti	
	Robert Woods	Diane Giannico	Kelly Brouthers	
7 - 11:52-12:33	Robert Woods	Diane Giannico	Patricia Coppola	
	Brian Alemaghides	Karen Schmalz	Robert Woods	
8 - 12:37-1:18	Krista LaPresti	Kelly Brouthers	Diane Giannico	
	Nikki Vescio	Patricia Coppola	Brian Alemaghides	

# High School West - Scheduling Help (Location: Library Instructional Lab)

Counselor	Library - Periods 4-8	9th	10th	11th
Isabella Aviles	Monday February 5th	A-CAQ	A-CAR	A-BR
Niki Vescio	Monday February 5th			
Michele Randall	Tuesday February 6th	CAR-FA	CAS-DU	BS-DI
Sara Stone	Tuesday February 6th	FB-HAN	DV-I	DJ-HU
Kate Baker-Dorney	Wednesday February 7th	HAO-LOR	J-MA	HV-MA
Maggie Shanley	Wednesday February 7th	LOS-OR	МВ-РО	MB-PF
Dorothy Caputo	Thursday February 8th	OS-SI	PP-SH	PG-SM
Michael Agostino	Thursday February 8th	SJ-Z	SI-Z	SN-Z