

# **WELCOME TO THE TENTH GRADE PARENT MEETING**



# **MEMBERS OF: THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

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# **COURSES: NEEDED TO GRADUATE**

| <b><u>COURSES</u></b>            | <b><u>CREDITS</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ENGLISH</b>                   | <b>4.0</b>            |
| <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>            | <b>4.0</b>            |
| <b>MATH</b>                      | <b>3.0</b>            |
| <b>SCIENCE</b>                   | <b>3.0</b>            |
| <b>HEALTH</b>                    | <b>.5</b>             |
| <b>ART/MUSIC</b>                 | <b>1.0</b>            |
| <b>LANGUAGE</b>                  | <b>1.0</b>            |
| <b>ADDITIONAL COURSES</b>        | <b>3.5</b>            |
| <b><u>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</u></b> | <b><u>2.0</u></b>     |
| <b>TOTAL UNITS</b>               | <b>22.0</b>           |

# TESTING REQUIREMENTS

## REGENTS DIPLOMA

**ENGLISH 11**

**MATH A**

**GLOBAL**

**US HISTORY**

**SCIENCE**

- *Living Environment*

## ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

**ENGLISH 11**

**MATH A**

**MATH B**

**GLOBAL**

**US HISTORY**

**(2) SCIENCE**

- *Living Environment*
- *One Other Science*

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

- **EXTRA HELP**

- From the Classroom Teacher

- **PEER TUTORING**

- Students assist other students before, during or after the school day

- **COUNSELORS CAN HELP:**

- Study and decision making skills
- Stress management
- Arrange meetings
- Make referrals to teachers, tutors, learning center

# SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

- **COURSE INFORMATION NIGHT**
  - *Thursday, February 5, 2009*
- **MEET AS GROUP WITH COUNSELOR(S)**
  - *Date TBD / February 2009*
- **ON-LINE COURSE SELECTION**
  - **Course Selection Sheet**
    - <http://www.bestschools.org/hs/courses/CourseCatalog.pdf>
  - **Worksheet**
    - <http://www.bestschools.org/hs/courses/programwrksheet.htm>

# TYPICAL 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

- **ENGLISH**
  - *AP COMPOSITION / ENGLISH III*
- **MATH**
  - *MATH B PART 2-3 / PRE-CALC / PRE-CALC RESEARCH*
- **SCIENCE**
  - *CHEMISTRY / PHYSICS / AP SCIENCE*
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**
  - *LEVEL IV (LITERATURE)*
  - *LANGUAGE AND CULTURE*
- **SOCIAL STUDIES**
  - *U.S. HISTORY / AP U.S. HISTORY*
- **ELECTIVES (3)**
  - *LUNCH / ELECTIVES (2)*

# COLLEGE ADMISSION AND TESTING

- **PSAT** – Offered once a year in October. **NMSQT** – National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in Junior year.
- **SAT Reasoning Tests** – Covers three areas: Critical Reading, Math and Writing. Usually taken for the first time during the spring of Junior year. (Score Choice available)
- **SAT Subject Tests** – Offered in subject areas and may be required at the more selective colleges. (Score Choice available)
- **ACT with Writing** – Curriculum based testing four skill areas: English (including writing), mathematics, reading and science reasoning. Typically taken second semester of the junior year.

# BE PREPARED... TO MEET THE CHALLENGE

- **READ, READ, READ...AND READ MORE**
- **SAT question of the day**
  - <http://www.collegeboard.com/>
  - <http://www.number2.com/>

# FIRST STEPS: GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

- **YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH BEGINS with YOU!**
  - ***Interest Inventories***
    - **[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)**
  - ***Learning Style / Personality Assessments***
  - ***Read about majors / careers***

# GET INVOLVED: QUANTITY vs. QUALITY

- **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- *Clubs, Sports, Community Service*
- *Explore your interests*
- *Quality vs. Quantity*
- *Be committed*
- *Develop a passion*
- *Leadership*

# BE INVOLVED: IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- **VOLUNTEER**

- **Students who contribute at the local, state or federal level are seen as leaders and innovators**

- [http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/guidance/community\\_service/index.htm](http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/guidance/community_service/index.htm)
- <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- <http://www.teenstakecharge.org/>

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- **SCHOLARSHIP...CHARACTER...  
SERVICE...LEADERSHIP**
- **MEMBERSHIP:**
  - *Open to qualified students with juniors and seniors 3.6 GPA or higher (unweighted) at the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade.*
  - *Students must:*
    - **Be involved in service projects**
    - **Tutor**
    - **Attend meetings**
    - **Attend at least one school event each quarter**

# OTHER HONOR SOCIETIES

- **Art Honor Society**
- **Tri M (Music) Honor Society**
- **World Language Honor Society**
- **Thespian Honor Society**

# MAINTAINING... THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

## STUDENTS SHOULD:

- ***LEARN HOW TO BUDGET THEIR TIME***
- ***BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT***
- ***LEARN HOW TO ADVOCATE***
- ***LEARN HOW TO PRIORITIZE***

# MAINTAINING... THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

- **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS**
  - **OBJECTIVE CRITERIA:**
    - ❖ *Strength of coursework, grades, test scores*
      - *Transcript available online*
        - [https://www.jerichoschools.org/student\\_records/](https://www.jerichoschools.org/student_records/)
  - **SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA:**
    - ❖ *Essays*
    - ❖ *Activities outside of the classroom*
    - ❖ *Individuality / Unique Personality*
      - *What makes you unique, special, different from all of the other exceptional applicants?*

# **“GO THE EXTRA MILE”**

- **Colleges want involved students who are life-long learners.**
- **Take the most challenging program you can handle and excel in it.**
- **Learn how to budget your time.**

# USE SUMMER WISELY

- **Summer programs – at many colleges/vary in focus**
  - [www.college.edu](http://www.college.edu) or [www.jerichoschools.org](http://www.jerichoschools.org)
  - **Pre-college/enrichment programs/community service programs/internship programs/teen tours –**
    - [www.summerfun.com](http://www.summerfun.com) or <http://www.interexchange.com>
- **Language and cultural immersion programs**
  - <http://www.summerstudy.com>
- **Adventure/community service programs**
  - <http://www.rusticpathways.com>
  - <http://www.reincommunityservice.com>,
  - <http://www.visionsserviceadventures.com>,
  - <http://www.globalworkstravel.com>
- **Internships, job shadowing**
- **Volunteer**
  - <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>
  - <http://www.teenstakecharge.org>

# MAINTAINING... THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

## STUDENTS WITH AN IEP OR 504 PLAN:

- *All students must meet the same admissions criteria when applying to college*

*Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30*

*SEPTA "College Night and Other Post-Secondary Options"*

- *Work with the students' strengths*
- *Move towards independence*
- *Learn how to advocate for yourself*