

# JUNIOR COURSE SELECTION

2018-2019 School Year

Please write your first and last name  
on your course selection form.

# OVERVIEW

## ▶ Course Selection Presentations

- ▶ Taking place Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

## ▶ Career Development and Course Planning Guide

- ▶ Your online resource for choosing appropriate courses
- ▶ Can be found on the high school's website

## ▶ Online Course Registration

- ▶ You must sign into your Skyward account and complete your course registrations by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ You must also turn in your course selection sheet to the School Counseling Office by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

## ▶ DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

- ▶ You have between today and the 15<sup>th</sup> to decide which courses you would like to take for the 2018-2019 school year (your junior year)

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ 23 credits are needed to graduate from Germantown High School
  - ▶ English – 4 Credits
    - ▶ English 9, English 10, 2.0 credits of English electives
  - ▶ Mathematics – 3 Credits
    - ▶ Must be in the same track
  - ▶ Science – 3 Credits
  - ▶ Social Studies – 3 Credits
    - ▶ American History, World History/AP Euro History , 1.0 credit of social studies electives
  - ▶ Health
    - ▶ If not taken in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ▶ Physical Education
    - ▶ PE 9, sophomore elective, junior elective
  - ▶ Electives – 7.5 Credits
    - ▶ Art, Business, Family & Consumer Science, Music, Technology & Engineering, World Languages
  - ▶ Personal Financial Literacy .5 credit
  - ▶ Pass Civics Test

# SOPHOMORE YEAR REVIEW

- ▶ All sophomores are required to take and complete the following courses:
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of English: English 10 or Honors English 10
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of Math: IMP 2, IMP 3, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, Honors Advanced Algebra
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of Science: Biology or Honors Chemistry
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of Social Studies: World History or Honors World History or AP Euro
  - ▶ 0.5 credit of Phy Ed
- ▶ Unsuccessful completion of any of these required credits means that you will need to retake the course(s)
  - ▶ Your counselor will automatically add any failed courses to your requests for the 2018-2019 school year
  - ▶ Electives (the courses you probably really want to take!!) may be removed to make room to retake a required course
    - ▶ Pass your classes so that you can take the classes you want to!

# JUNIOR REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ All junior students must enroll in:
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of English: 1 credit English Electives OR AP English I I
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of Math: What is the next course in the sequence?
    - ▶ IMP 2 > Transitional Mathematics or IMP 3
    - ▶ IMP 3 > Preparation for College Math, IMP 4, or AP Statistics
    - ▶ Geometry > Transitional Mathematics or Advanced Algebra
    - ▶ Advanced Algebra or Honors Advanced Algebra > Preparation for College Math, Pre-Calculus, or AP Statistics
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of Science: What is the next course in the sequence?
    - ▶ Biology > Chemistry or Earth/Space Science or Environmental Science or Physics
    - ▶ Honors Chemistry > Any science course
  - ▶ 1.0 credit of Social Studies
  - ▶ 0.5 credit Personal Financial Literacy Must take this year or senior year
  - ▶ 0.5 credit of Phy Ed: You get to choose!!
    - ▶ Team Games, Non-Traditional Activities, At the Club, Aerobic Conditioning & Strength Training, Field and Court Activities, At the Club II
    - ▶ The only class that can be taken multiple times is Conditioning and Strength

# PHY ED WAIVER

- ▶ If you participate in an approved activity, you are eligible to waive your phy ed course for junior year
- ▶ **HOWEVER**, in its place, you must take a 0.5 credit course in one of the following areas:
  - ▶ English
  - ▶ Math
  - ▶ Science
  - ▶ Social Studies
  - ▶ AP Seminar
  - ▶ Diversified Health Occupations 1 or 2
- ▶ There is an application that **MUST** be filled out
  - ▶ Available today and in the School Counseling Office
- ▶ The application must be turned in by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the same day that your course selections are due
- ▶ No late applications will be accepted
- ▶ Note: If for whatever reason you receive a waiver and then are unable to participate in your sport (e.g., injury), you are then required to take Phy Ed as would normally be expected of you
  - ▶ This may need to take place during your senior year (Senior Phy Ed would not count)

# JUNIOR REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Depending on how many study halls you want, you must also enroll in 1.5 – 2.5 credits of electives
  - ▶ 1.5 credits of electives = 6 credits = one study hall each semester
  - ▶ 2.0 credits of electives = 6.5 credits = one study hall ONE semester
  - ▶ 2.5 credits of electives = 7.0 credits = no study halls
- ▶ All students must enroll in a minimum of 6 credits of courses
- ▶ The maximum number of credits you can take is 7 credits
- ▶ You can tell the credit value of the course by its course number (i.e. B105 = .5 credit but B225-226 = 1.0 credit)

# ALTERNATE REQUESTS

- ▶ We ask that you select some alternate courses in case we are not able to fit all of your first choices into your schedule
  - ▶ Selecting alternates saves us trying to track you down over the summer
- ▶ Everyone should select an alternate Phy Ed course
- ▶ Select 2-3 other electives that you would be willing to take if you cannot get your first choice(s)
- ▶ Alternate requests will only used when your first choice does not fit into your schedule



# SPECIAL PROGRAMING

## ▶ Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- ▶ AP Courses provide high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses and the potential to earn college credit depending on how they perform on AP Exams
  - ▶ The cost for each AP Exam is \$93
  - ▶ Exams are taken in May

## ▶ Youth Apprenticeship

- ▶ Some Examples include: Banking, Machining/Tool & Die, Manufacturing, Auto Mechanics, Travel/Hotel Management, Manufacturing, and Nursing Assistant
- ▶ See your school counselor if you have questions about this program.

## ▶ New for the 2018-2019 school year

- ▶ AP Computer Science Principles
- ▶ AP Human Geography
- ▶ AP Research

# ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Your teachers will be providing you with some additional information on the courses offered within their department
- ▶ If you see a “\_\_\_\_\_” next to the title of a course on your course selection sheet, it means that you need a teacher’s recommendation to enroll in the course
  - ▶ Example: If you would like to take AP English I I, you need to get approval from your current English teacher; if you would like to take Jazz Ensemble, you will need to speak to Mr. Bell
  - ▶ See your school counselor if you have questions regarding who you need to speak to in order to enroll in a course

# ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ If you are having trouble deciding whether or not to take a course, sign up for it!
  - ▶ It's always easier to take it out of your schedule in August than try to add it in!
    - ▶ There might not have been enough interest for the course to run, it may be full, we might not be able to fit it into your schedule. etc.
- ▶ Once you enroll in your courses, you have until February 14<sup>th</sup> to change your mind and make adjustments to your requests
  - ▶ After February 14<sup>th</sup>, your course selections are final!!!!

# CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- ▶ Talk with your teachers and your parent(s)/guardian(s) to see which course(s) would be best for you
- ▶ Read the course descriptions in the Course Planning Guide
  - ▶ Don't take a course just because your friends have signed up for it
- ▶ Think about what you plan to do after you graduate from high school:
  - ▶ What should I take if I plan to go to college? Technical school? Pursue an apprenticeship?
    - ▶ Some English and Social Studies courses are not considered 4-year college-prep
  - ▶ What career(s) am I interested in?
    - ▶ What courses does GHS offer that could help me explore those interests further?
  - ▶ Utilize the Course Planning Guide – there are a lot of resources in it that will help you answer these questions
- ▶ Utilize Career Cruising
- ▶ See your school counselor if you would like more information about a particular course

# HOW TO REGISTER

- ▶ You will receive instructions on how to register for courses next week via Skyward
- ▶ The School Counseling Office will also make an announcement as to when the system will be open
- ▶ Until then, please do not log in and try to register for courses
  - ▶ Use this time to talk with teachers, consult the Course Guide book, talk with your parents, think about your postsecondary goals, etc.

# FINAL THOUGHTS

- ▶ You must log into YOUR Skyward account by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and complete your course registration online
  - ▶ You will not be able to sign up for courses if you use your parents' account
  - ▶ If you need your login and password, please go to the School Counseling Office
- ▶ Turn in your course selection form to the School Counseling Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ▶ Make sure that what you sign up for online is actually circled on your course selection sheet
    - ▶ It's our back-up in case we lose any information online!
- ▶ If you have questions about anything, see your school counselor:
  - ▶ Mrs. Mueller (A – F)                      Mr. Benz (M – Sch)
  - ▶ Mrs. Hernandez (G – L)                 Mrs. Bast (Sci – Z)

QUESTIONS?