



US Class Dean Update

Hi 9th Grade Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Night. I truly appreciated your engagement and the thoughtful questions you shared at the end of the program. I understand that evening events can be difficult to attend, so for those who couldn't make it, I've included a summary of the key topics discussed below:

Key Highlights:

- **Scheduling Timeline:** The scheduling process will primarily take place from mid-April (following spring break) through early May.
- **10th Grade Coursework:** For most students, 10th grade involves the second part of their current sequences, such as Integrated Biology and Chemistry 2, Integrated Math Modeling 2, and Modern World History. In the 10th grade, students tend to have the most options with their Arts and Health and Wellness electives.
- **Placement:** Placement in AP or Honors level courses is subject to the approval of the relevant department. Department chairs make all final placement decisions.
- **Graduation Requirements:** I highly recommend that students complete their Arts and Health & Wellness requirements during 10th grade. Doing so will provide more flexibility for a greater variety of elective options in 11th and 12th grade.
- **Balance:** I encourage students to consider their academic load in the context of their outside commitments, such as sports and the performing arts.

Presentation Materials: For more detailed information, you can view the full presentation here: [Curriculum Night Slideshow](#).

I am always happy to touch base if you have any specific questions regarding your child's scheduling process.

Have a great day.

Sincerely,

Brian