

# Class of 2023



Making the most of your ninth grade  
course selections!

# Welcome to Middle Creek!

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# Understanding the Block Schedule

- 4x4 Block Schedule; 4 classes each semester, fall and spring
- Each semester has 2 quarters (Q1, Q2)
- Final Grade = 40% Q1, 40% Q2, 20% Exam
- Sample Schedule:

## Fall

- 1 English I
- 2 Health/PE
- 3 Earth Science
- 4 Visual Arts I

## Spring

- Math
- World History
- Geography
- Tech, Eng, and Design

# Future Ready Core Graduation Requirements

- Students are required to have a minimum of 26 credits for graduation
- Each class you pass = 1 credit
- Can earn up to 8 credits per year at MCHS, for a total of 32 possible credits
- For promotion you must have the following six credits minimum:
  - English I
  - Two Core Classes (Math, Science, Social Studies)
  - Three Electives

# The Scheduling Process

- February/March: Students enter course selections into Power Schools. Work with 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor.
- By end of school year: Course Selections roll over to high schools. We build master schedule based on selections.
- Summer: Counselors work to check each schedule for sequencing, holes, and balance.
- Mid-August: Students will receive their schedule at Freshman Orientation
  - Schedule changes: Only to increase rigor or correct sequencing errors. Elective changes/decreasing rigor not allowed.

# Making Course Selections

- Students will pick 8 primary courses (core and electives) and 3 alternate electives. 11 classes total are picked.
- English, Science, and Social Studies classes are all taught in a blended honors/academic setting. Students will be given an opportunity to opt-out of honors at the beginning of the course.
- Year-long classes (Band, Choir, Math) will be picked twice as these take up 2 spots.
- Freshmen Course List and Guidelines
  - Refer to your handout

# Helpful Hints

- If going to take a world language in 9<sup>th</sup> grade take level I AND level II. It is fine to wait until later though! Don't pick 2 different languages unless you want to take both.
- If taking band or choir, make that a primary choice, not an alternate.
- Do not have the same courses as primary and alternate electives. This reduces your chances of getting courses that you want.

# Questions?

- Please see counselors at rear of Auditorium.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselors are a great resource as they know your student's current progress.
- Registration Info on the MCHS Website:
  - <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/11814>