

January 16, 2024

Dear Current 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Grade Parents or Guardians-

It is just about that time for **Course Selection** to begin for the **2024-2025 School Year!** We are excited about some new course offerings, as well as some new opportunities for our students to challenge themselves, academically. Please take a moment to carefully read the information included in this letter.

The timeline for the Course Selection Process this year, will be as follows:

- Communication sent to families with the [Program of Studies](#) on January 8, 2024
- Students currently in grades 8, 9, 10 & 11 should complete their course selection form (see below) by January 31st, so they can be prepared for their meeting with their school counselor in February.
 - [Class of 2025 \(current 11th graders\) form](#)
 - [Class of 2026 \(current 10th graders\) form](#)
 - [Class of 2027 \(current 9th graders\) form](#)
 - [Class of 2028 \(current 8th graders\) form](#)
- Current 9th-11th grade students: February 5th- February 29th, School Counselors will meet with their students to input their course requests into PowerSchool
- Current 8th graders, School Counselors will meet with students individually January 12th-February 15th to input their course requests into PowerSchool
 - After your child meets with their school counselor, course requests will be locked and a Course Change Request Form will be required to make any changes in the system.
 - *Please note:* after March 1st, Course Change Requests can only be honored if space is available in the course. Some courses are closed based on enrollment request numbers and staffing for the following school year.
 - The LAST DAY to make any changes is Friday, April 19th.
 - Please see page 5 in the Program of Studies to understand our course change policy after this date.
- Schedules will be made available in Mid-August for the 2024-2025 School Year
- If you have any questions, you should contact your child's school counselor or your child's current teacher if you are looking for recommendations for possible courses your child should be taking.

Understanding the Program of Studies:

This comprehensive document is filled with a lot of information pertaining to your child's high school academic career at Pennsbury High School. The electronic version of the document is interactive, so if you click on the table of contents page, it will take you directly to the part of the book that you would like to explore. **Please click [HERE](#) for the Interactive Program of Studies.**

- The first part of the book is dedicated to PLANNING during your FOUR YEARS at Pennsbury High School, as well as other important policies and procedures that pertain to PHS.
 - Timelines for each grade level, ACT 158 requirements, Graduation credit requirements, etc.
 - Second Chance Learning Policy, Course Change Policy, Independent Studies, etc.

- The second part of the book is dedicated to suggested Career Pathways and the courses that PHS offer which align with those careers.
 - Interested in being a Photographer? Check out the Arts and Communication Pathway.
 - Interested in being an Engineer? Check out the Science and Health Pathway.
 - These charts are a great starting point to exploring the many electives that we have to offer.
- The final section of the book is dedicated to descriptions of EVERY course that we offer at Pennsbury High School.
 - It is recommended that you read over the course descriptions of the courses that you are selecting, so you are aware of what the course is all about.
 - Pay close attention to PREREQUISITES or COREQUISITES that are listed.
 - These are there for a reason and are required for your child to be eligible to take the class.
 - Pay close attention to the grade levels in which certain courses are offered.
- Understanding SOME of our HONORS options for some elective courses
 - In 2024-2025 we will be offering the following courses as a **hybrid academic/honors courses**.
 - ALL Students will enroll in the ACADEMIC version of the course and by DAY 20 of the semester, they will sign off if they are going to complete the additional assignments to earn the HONORS credit.
 - After Day 20, the drop/add policy will pertain to these courses.

The Courses that are running in this format are:

Applied Engineering & Technology	Business, Computers & Information Technology	Family & Consumer Sciences	Music	World Languages	Social Studies
Introduction to Graphic Design	Accounting 1	Education Training 2*	Symphonic Winds	French 1	Holocaust and Genocide Awareness
Advanced Graphic Design	Microsoft/Google Applications*	Senior Internship 2	Symphonic Orchestra	French 2	Issues and Advocacy: Class, Race, and Gender in America
Robotics 1	Sports & Entertainment Marketing*	Multicultural Cuisine	Women's Ensemble	German 1	
Robotics 2	Social Media & Digital Marketing*	Principles of Child Development	Concert Choir	German 2	
Fund. of Materials and Processing	Business Math and Financial Planning	Personal and Finance Management	Bella Voce		
	Introduction to Video Game Design through Python/Java				

	Investment Management				
	Introduction to Coding				
	Desktop Publishing and Web Page Design for Business				
	Accounting 2 Honors				
	Pre-Law and Criminal Justice Honors				
	Wealth Management and Financial Literacy Honors				

- We are also excited to announce an array of **Dual Enrollment opportunities**. These opportunities are primarily for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students
 - Your child will need to complete all Dual Enrollment paperwork in accordance with the college’s timeline, as spelled out in the course syllabus at the beginning of the semester

Dual Enrollment Courses being offered in 2024-2025

Business, Computer Science & Information Technology	Family & Consumer Sciences	Math	Physical Education
Accounting 1 & 2= 1 course* Wealth Management Honors AP Macroeconomics Microsoft/Google Office Applications Sports & Entertainment Marketing Pre-Law and Criminal Justice Social Media & Digital Marketing Introduction to Business and Entrepreneurism	Education Training 2 Honors	AP Calculus AB	Life and Health

We know that this process can be overwhelming, and we are here to help. As you review the Program of Studies with your child, please write down questions and then reach out to your child’s school counselor, so we can best support their academic progress.

Respectfully,

PHS Administration & School Counseling Department