

# Course Selection 2019

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# Why do we spend so much time on registration?

**Time to  
reflect**

**Time to  
process**

**Time to  
ask  
questions**

By the end we hope that you have made the most educated and appropriate course selections for YOU.



Who are the Superheroes in  
course selection?

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## Educators: Educa-Tron & Educa-Tress

### Their superpowers:

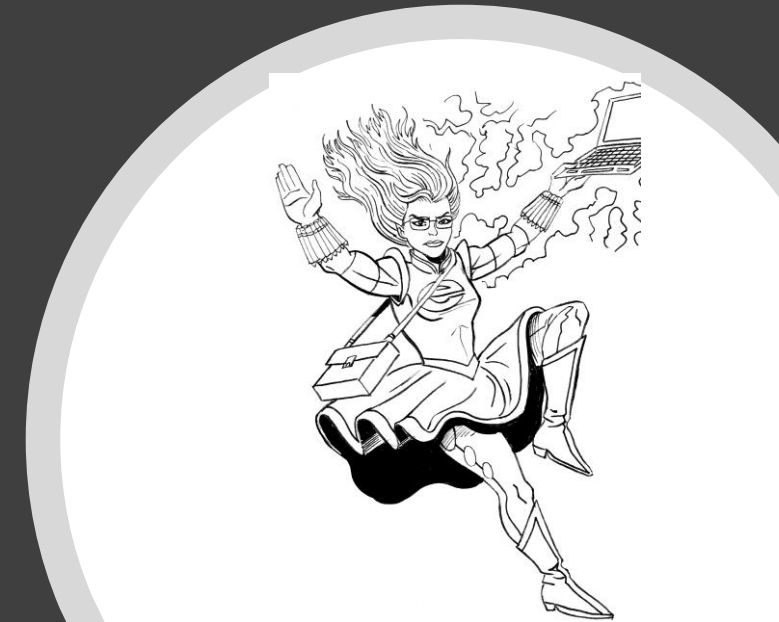
- Knowing the courses best and how you do in class
- Knowing about what is required in the next level class

### Their weakness:

- Don't know what else you have been recommended for
- Don't know other departments

### How they can help you:

- Ask them questions about the next level classes, how fast does the class move, what kind of homework, do you think it is a good fit for me.
- If you need a waiver you and your parents need to have a conversation with your current teacher.



# How is placement decided?

Placement is determined by one or more of the following:



Grades



PSAT  
score



Other Course  
Requirements

# College Counselors: Counselor Queen



## Their Superpowers:

- Can look at the big picture with all recommendations
- Help sort out impact on future classes and college

## Their weaknesses:

- Do not know the specifics of individual classes
- Cannot predict the future
- Cannot tell you what to take, can only guide and advise

## How can they help you?

- If you have questions about how colleges look at classes, what classes you should have for certain schools, how to balance your entire schedule.





# Ms. Barkan/Mrs. Burns: Registra

## Their Superpowers:

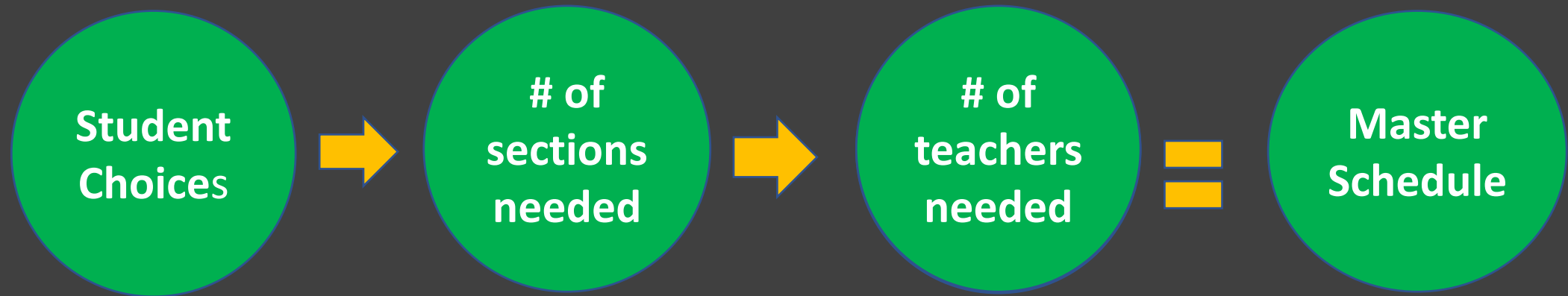
- Balance your schedule
- Schedule based on what you ask for and need

## Their Weaknesses:

- Sometimes there are conflicts and they cannot control all
- They cannot read your mind so if you don't register they cannot make it happen
- They cannot always change classes at the last minute



# How do we build the schedule?







# Students: The Scholar Squad

## Your Superpower:

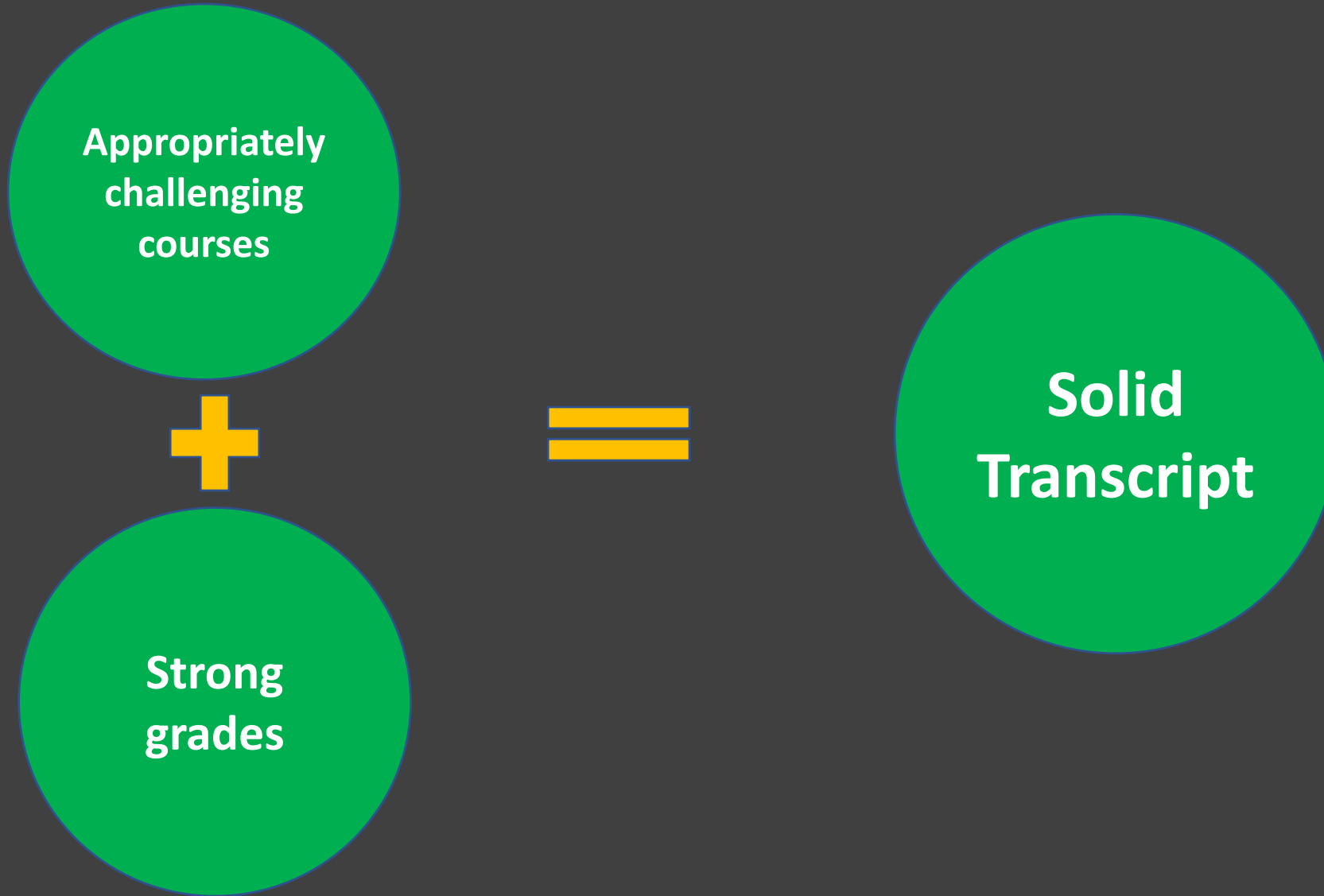
- You know you best! You know how motivated you are and what interests you. You know how hard you are willing to work. You know your extra responsibilities – sports, clubs, job etc.
- You know what subjects you excel at and what you struggle at, we all have our strengths and weaknesses.

## Your weakness:

- Comparison. You look at what your friends are doing and may follow their lead but they are not you. Taking on too much.



# What does a balanced schedule look like?





# Parents: Parental Power Partners

## Their Superpower:

- They have known you the longest and know your motivation and your academic strengths and weaknesses.

## Their Weakness:

- They do not know the specifics on each class, the amount of work required or what may be needed or not needed for college.

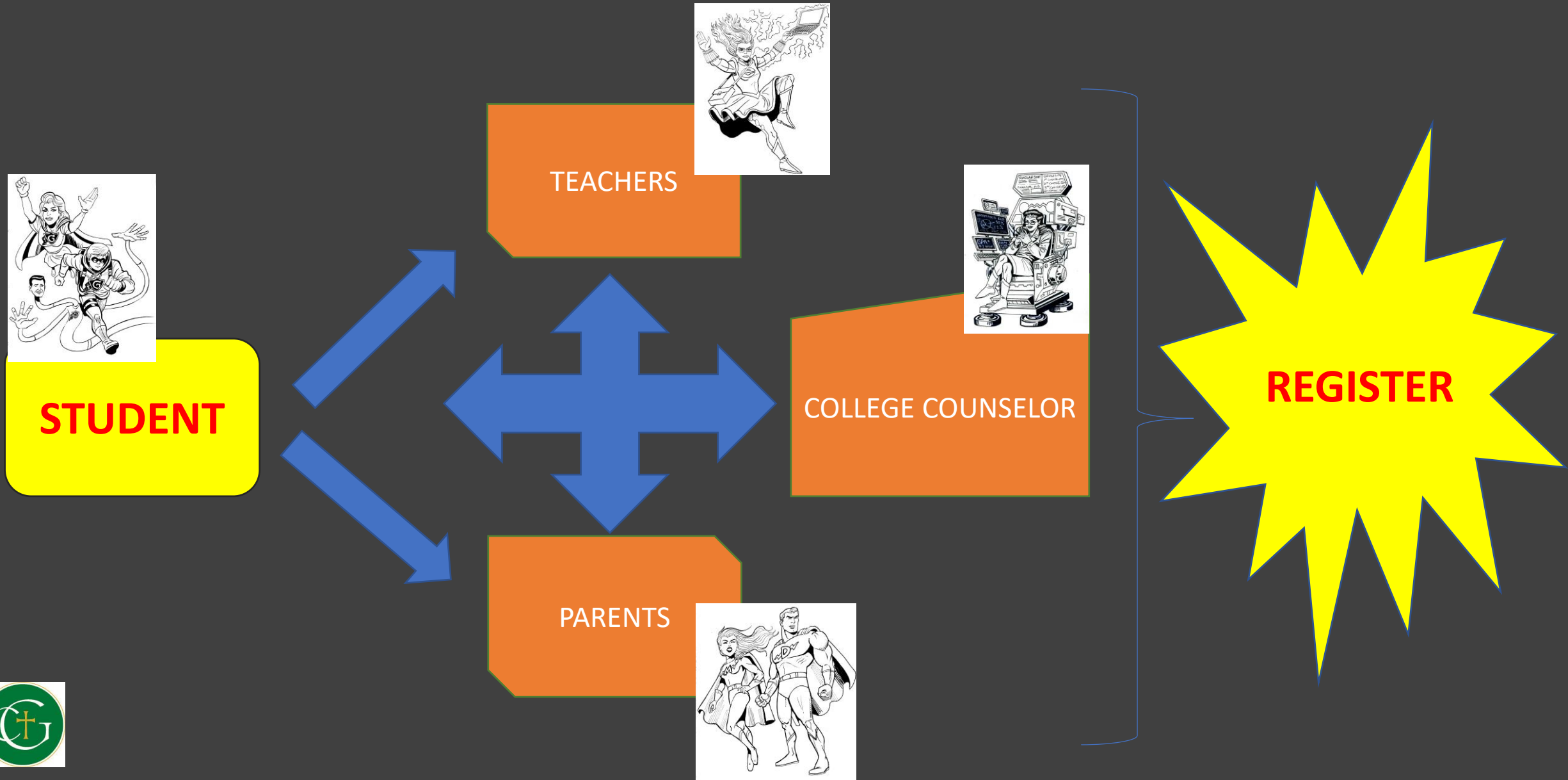


# What does this all mean when choosing classes?

- Be reflective – what classes sound interesting? Where will you put in the effort and work?
- Balance – think about how much time you have during the day/week to get work done. What other responsibilities do you have? Don't forget sleep, eating and social time.
- Appropriately challenging – you do not want to overwhelm yourself, nor do you want to coast through. You have to pick classes that provide the appropriate amount of challenge for YOU. This is going to be different for everyone and that is ok.



# Course Conversations



# The Waiver Process

What if you were not recommended for an Honors or AP class and you would like to take it? This is where the waiver process comes in. How does this work?

- Have a parent contact current subject area teacher to discuss getting a parent waiver.
- Be sure to submit any parent waiver to your teacher before February 15th .
- No student who earned or is currently earning a D or lower in a class will get a parent waiver.
- Do NOT ask for a conversation or waiver on the last day of registration, plan ahead and do it early.



# Special Requests

- Please submit a special request if you plan on taking AP Government and other core academic classes or are continuing with Media, Computer or Fine Arts and you don't have room for Economics.
- You must register for US Gov and Econ and submit a special request form for use to change it to AP Government and provide info about our summer Economics options.
- Go to: [cghsnc.org/specialrequest](http://cghsnc.org/specialrequest)



# Things to do:

1. Login to PowerSchool to review your placement
2. Talk to your parents
3. Review the CGHS Course of Studies • Read course descriptions for recommended courses • Decide and prioritize electives
4. Select courses on PowerSchool
5. Review your selection with your parents
6. Have parents complete the 2019-2020 Bio Update and pay the registration fee online to finalize your registration.

**REMEMBER : Last day to register – Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Parent meeting – tonight! 6 pm for current freshmen, 7 pm for current sophomores and juniors

