

SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

ORIENTATION
for
Parents/Guardians and
Students
Class of 2024

January 23, 2020

HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Rubino

Principal

Mrs. Romero

Vice-Principal

Mr. Salum

Vice-Principal

Mrs. Zurawski

Vice-Principal

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS



Mrs. Sicola	Guidance and Counseling/District Test Coordinator
Ms. Badami	Health, Physical Education and Athletics
Dr. DeFina	Special Education
Mrs. Grossman	ELA, ESL, World Language
Ms. Jakubik	Humanities, Arts
Mrs. Maharana	Mathematics, Business, Computer Science
Ms. O'Connor	Science, Industrial Arts

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

School Counselors

Mrs. Keck

Ms. Schnorbus

Mr. Schlaline

Mrs. Gibson

Mrs. Goodman

Ms. O'Donnell

Mrs. Calcagno

Ms. Catena

Grades 9 – 12

A - Car

Cars - Fon

Foo - Ka

Ke - Mh

Mi - P

Q - Sm

Sn - Z

Student Assistance Counselor

SCIENCE

Biology Honors

Physics 9

Integrated Science

Integrated Science -- CST determined

TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES

- Auto Technology 1
- Wood Shop 1
- Robotics (Full Year)
- Engineering Drawing (Full Year)

JROTC

Air Force Junior ROTC

- Can be taken freshman through senior years.

ENGLISH

English 9 Honors

English 9 CP

English 9

Placement for English includes:

Semester 1 grades

Quarterly Exam Performance

Current Level

NJSLA

ENGLISH ELECTIVES

- Creative Writing
- Children's Literature
- Writing For Success
- Monsters in Literature
- Journalism
- Mythology
- Communicating in the 21st Century
- Theatre (Full Year)
- Communication Arts through Television I

ESL Programs at SWMHS

- ESL classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students
- APEX science courses in native languages
- ESL homework help after school
- SIOP trained staff members

WORLD LANGUAGES

French 1

Spanish 1

Spanish 2

Seal of Biliteracy

Students demonstrating literacy in English as well as a second language can earn a Seal of Biliteracy from the NJDOE on their high school diploma

- STAMP4S Assessment given to Juniors and Seniors
- 2019: 8 students
- 2020: 6 students
- 2021: 15 students already!

HISTORY

World History Honors

World History CP

World History

World History -- CST determined

Placement for World History includes:

Semester 1 Grades

Quarterly Exam Grades

Current Social Studies Level

NJSLA- ELA Score

HISTORY ELECTIVES

SEMESTER COURSES

- **World Geography**
- **The Great Metropolis**
- **Financial Literacy in the 21st Century: *Graduation Requirement**

Performing Arts Electives

- Band (Semester and Full Year)
- Advanced Band
- Advanced Jazz Studies (Audition required)
- Choir 101 (Semester and Full Year)

Performing / Visual Arts Electives

SEMESTER COURSES

- **Creative Crafts**
- **Introduction to Art**
- **Fashion Illustration***

***(students must take Intro to Art to be eligible for Fashion Illustration)**

FUTURE EDUCATORS ACADEMY - FEA

- The Sayreville War Memorial High School Academy for future careers in education provides a focused course sequence that appeals to students who are interested in exploring a future in education. Academy students will be eligible to gain college credit through Fairleigh Dickinson University, Kean University, Rider University, and Stockton University.

Academy Endorsement Required Course Work:

- Children's Literature- open to incoming 9th grade students (2.5 Credits)
- Communicating in the 21st Century- open to 9th grade students. (2.5 Practical Arts Credits)
- Parent and Child Development- (2.5 Credits)
- Introduction to Tomorrow's Teachers (2.5 Credits)
- FEA Tomorrow's Teachers Field Experience (5 Credits)

Total Academy Credits - 15

MATHEMATICS

➤ Algebra 2 Honors

➤ Plane Geometry Honors

➤ Algebra 2

➤ Plane Geometry

➤ Algebra 1-9 CP

➤ Math 104: Algebra Lab (Semester)

➤ Math 204: Geometry Lab (Semester)

➤ Math 9 : CST determined

Criteria for Placement includes

- Semester 1 grades
- Quarterly Exam Performance
- Current Level
- NJSLA - M

COMPUTER SCIENCE ELECTIVES

- Introduction to Computer Science (Semester)
(Prerequisite: Algebra 1)
- Game Design / App Development (Semester)
(Prerequisite: Intro. to Computer Science)

Note : Advanced Concepts in computer programming required to take AP Computer Science A



BUSINESS ELECTIVES

- Business Organization & Management (Semester)
- Career Development (Semester)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Full Year)



BUSINESS ACADEMY

- SBA for business careers provides a focused course sequence that appeals to the students who are interested in exploring a future in business.
- It is a career-driven opportunity for SWMHS students who are entering grade ten.
- **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY BUSINESS FOR YOUTH**
- **THE RUBY PROGRAM (RUBY)**
- The RUBY Program involves a business plan competition, on-campus classes (including college preparation lessons), visits to corporate facilities, interaction with current Rutgers Business School students (mentor relationships), soft skills development (i.e., team building, interviewing and presentation skills), and involvement of parents which will develop direction towards a “culture” of high performance.

BUSINESS ACADEMY



Take place in Competitions, Events, Field Trips, and Internships

STEM ACADEMY

- Excited to welcome our first cohort of the STEM Academy.
- We offer three tracks : Biomedical, Engineering and Computer Science (starting Grade 10)
- A freshman, you can take the following courses
 - English
 - Biology Honors
 - Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors
 - World History CP / H
 - PE / Health
 - Visual / Performing Arts Electives
 - World Language
 - Engineering Drawing or Robotics (Engineering Strand)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Physical Education- 3 marking periods

Health Education - 1 marking period

For every year in attendance

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Freshman Fall and Winter Seasons:
successful completion of grade eight.

Sophomore to Senior Fall and Winter Seasons: Successful completion of 30 credits at the end of semester two.

All Grades Spring Season: successful completion of 15 credits at the end of semester one.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 years

Mathematics including Algebra 1 and Geometry
and a third year of math 3 years

Science including Biology and a choice among Chemistry,
Physics or Env. Science and a third inquiry based lab or
technical science 3 years

U.S. History 2 years

World History 1 year

World Language 1 year

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS cont.

Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
Practical/Vocational Arts/21 st Century Life and Careers Education	1 year
Physical Education and Health	Each year of enrollment
Financial Literacy/Economics	1/2 year

Required Credits

In addition to passing the required courses, students must successfully complete 130 credits.

CREDITS REQUIRED

Cumulative

25	credits	To pass to grade 10
60	credits	To pass to grade 11
95	credits	To pass to grade 12
130	credits	To graduate!

COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM

- 4 yrs. **English**
- 3 yrs. **History**
- 3 yrs. **Mathematics**
- 3 yrs. **Science**
- 2 yrs. **World Language**
- **Academic Electives**

RECOMMENDED

- 4 yrs. **English**
- 3 yrs. **History**
- 4 yrs. **Mathematics**
- 4 yrs. **Science**
- 4 yrs. **World Language**
- **Academic Electives**

THE SCHEDULING PROCESS

January 21st - Introduction during Social Studies Class. Students will receive pre-scheduling sheets and a course description booklet. The pre-scheduling sheets are to be completed with a parent and brought back to school for March 13th. In addition, students will be choosing their electives directly in OnCourse. The window for choosing electives is January 25th – February 14th. Students were taught how to add their elective choices in class on Jan. 21st. Parents will be able to view and assist their child with this process.

March 13th - March 24th - Students will be scheduled for their classes with their school counselor during their physical education classes. Students will receive their scheduling sheet listing all the courses they were recommended for and the electives and foreign language they chose. ALL electives are listed on the sheet with their alternates. The final courses and electives will be computer generated in August. The scheduling sheet will be sent home for parent review and parent signature. The signed scheduling sheet is due back to MS Guidance Office within three days of receipt, no later than March 27th.

TYPICAL FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Science
4. Lunch
5. World History
6. Visual/practical/performing arts

OR

Academic electives (Reading and/or Math Lab)

7. Physical Education
8. World Language

Typical Grade 9 Schedule

Period	Term	Course Name	Credits	Teacher	Room
Period 1	18-19	Spanish 1	5.0	Lisay	B211
Period 2	18-19	English 9 CP	5.0	Smith	A202
Period 3	S1	PE 1S/Health 1S	2.5	McGarry	GYM
Period 3	S2	PE 2S	2.5	Watson	D006
Period 4	S1	Lunch Fall		Jenkins	CAFE
Period 4	S2	Lunch Spring		Jenkins	CAFE
Period 5	18-19	World History CP	5.0	Ferreri	A223
Period 6	18-19	Plane Geometry	5.0	Jerome	B004
Period 7	18-19	Theatre 1	5.0	DiStaulo	AUD
Period 8	18-19	Physics 9	5.0	Cicciari	D212

Remedial Classes

- Students take the NJSLA for Math, English and Science.
- **Students who are not proficient on their grade eight NJSLA may be placed in a remedial math and/or English class instead of an elective. Their schedule will reflect this change in August.**

SCHEDULING TIPS

Review the freshmen elective sheet and course descriptions on the Guidance Department website (www.sayrevillek12.net / Departments / Counseling Department)

Choose 2 electives and have 4-5 more *alternate electives*

Make elective selections in OnCourse

Be prepared on March 13th with a complete course selection sheet (bring to PE class) and have all electives added in OnCourse

After scheduling...

Bring home your scheduling sheet, get it signed and return to the MS Guidance Office.

Study, work hard and maintain good grades. Do your very best on the NJSLA assessments.

Class of 2024 Parents/Guardians

We wish your children (and you) success as they complete their last year in the Middle School. We look forward to September and the beginning of their high school career!