



## Secondary Program of Studies 2024-2025

Dear Students & Families (Grades 8-11),

It is time to focus on scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year. Please review this communication and reach out directly to your school counselor with any questions.

Our [2024-2025 PRHS Program of Studies](#) is now posted on our website. Within the Program of Studies, you will find essential information detailing course offerings and descriptions, as well as our scheduling process. We encourage you to use the Program of Studies as a guide while discussing courses as a family.



### Program of Studies



2024-2025

**Tomorrow, January 24**, current 8th grade students will participate in a *Scheduling Presentation and Program of Studies Tutorial* in the high school auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to meet our 8th grade students, review courses that are available to rising ninth graders, and describe how our scheduling process works. Students in grades 9-11 will have their scheduling presentation **during the Activity Period on Thursday, January 25**.

Our annual parent scheduling night presentation, *Choosing Wisely: Right student and right course*, will be held in the high school auditorium at **6:00 pm on Thursday, February 1**. This session is intended to help families learn more about our course offerings and to support making wise and informed decisions for student course selections. We will begin our evening in the high school auditorium for a general overview, and then parents will be able to participate in small groups to learn how to effectively use the Program of Studies as a resource to support their students. In order to be prepared for all participants, we ask attendees to [respond here](#) to confirm their attendance. This tutorial is open to all parents/guardians with children in grades 8 through 11. A recording of the tutorial will be made available via our website following the presentation.

[Register Here](#)

**Core academic teachers will share teacher course recommendations with students in grades 8-11 during the week of January 29 - February 2.** These conversations between our students and their current teachers will include courses that are available to them next year, gathering student input on what course they are interested in taking, and then making a teacher recommendation that is grounded in student interest and teacher knowledge. If you have any questions about which courses are available to your student or what course you would like your student to take, please contact your child's recommending teacher (i.e.: contact the social studies teacher for a recommended social studies course).

After teacher recommendations are submitted, our school counselors will meet with all students to review course recommendations and student graduation plans. Students will be able to choose elective courses beginning **February 12**. A list of significant dates and events are shared below for your information. These events help to support our students

through this process and guide their scheduling decisions as well.

## Scheduling Dates & Information

### January 24

Class scheduling and Program of Studies tutorial for 8th grade in HS auditorium during the school day.

### January 25

Class scheduling presentation and Program of Studies tutorial during activity period for 9th-11th grade students. This tutorial will also be recorded and shared with students following our presentation.

### January 29 – February 2

PRMS and PRHS teachers share course recommendations with individual students.

### February 1

Program of Studies Tutorial for parents with students in grades 8-11 in the high school auditorium at 6:00pm. [Please RSVP here](#). This tutorial will also be recorded and shared with students following our presentation.

### February 8

PRHS Principal's Advisory Committee and Peer2Peer students will visit 8th and 9th grade students during Activity Period to discuss high school courses.

### February 12

Grades 8-11 will receive core academic course requests and informational letters via the Sapphire Community Portal. Elective courses open to students to request.

### February 16

Deadline for all students to return completed and signed academic course requests via Sapphire.

### February 21 – March 13

Counselors will meet with students on an individual basis to confirm scheduling choices.

### March 15

Students will receive verification forms in Sapphire. Students and parents are asked to verify only that the courses showing match their original course request form.

### March 21

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Course waiver process opens. Parents may complete a course waiver for a non-recommended class level by submitting a waiver form by March 29. No course waivers will be granted after March 29. Course waiver requests will be reviewed by a school committee and a decision will be communicated to each student and family within a reasonable amount of time.

### April – May

Student support and middle to high school transition meetings will be held with students, families, and staff. Great care is taken to support students transitioning to high school that may have special needs or circumstances.

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