



Secondary Program of Studies 2025-2026

January 14, 2025

Dear Students & Families (Grades 8-11),

It is time to focus on scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year. Please review this communication and reach out directly to your school counselor with any questions.

Our [2025-2026 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.



On Thursday, January 23, current eighth 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 eighth 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 Activity Period on Friday, January 24**.

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, January 30**. 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 27 - January 31. This year, we are investing heavily in conversations between our students and their current teachers about courses that are available to them next year, gathering student input on what courses 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 7**. A list of significant dates and events are shared below for your information. These events help to support our

Scheduling Dates & Information

January 23

Scheduling Presentation and Program of Studies Tutorial for 8th grade in HS auditorium during the school day.

January 24

Grades 9-11 scheduling presentation during Activity Period. This tutorial will also be recorded and shared with students following our presentation.

January 27 – January 31

PRMS and PRHS teachers share course recommendations with individual students in grades 8-11.

January 30

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 be recorded and shared with students.

February 6

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

February 7

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 14

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

February 17 – March 7

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

March 13

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

Deadline for signed verification forms to be returned via Sapphire.

March 24

Course waiver process opens. Parents may complete a course waiver for a non-recommended class level by submitting a waiver form by March 28. No course waivers will be granted after March 28. 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. Waivers will NOT be received after March 28; however, a second waiver window will open prior to the end of the 2024-2025 school year. During this second waiver window, waivers will only be granted based on administrative review and space availability.

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