

SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seaford High School

January 20, 2025

Dear Seaford High School students and families,

The January Testing Period is off to a smooth start at Seaford High School! As a friendly reminder, information regarding all testing periods (testing schedules, academy schedules, bus schedules) can be found on the Seaford High School web site. Click on Students & Families \rightarrow Testing, and then click the appropriate testing period.

While we are in the midst of testing, there are other priorities on the horizon as well.

Important!

All students in grade 11 must take action now regarding the March digital SAT examination at SHS.

To help our students achieve the most success in the comfort of their home school, we have arranged to administer the SAT to all junior students during the school day at Seaford High School on March 4.. This is an incredible opportunity to take the exam where our district technical team will be available on standby rather than taking the exam in a school with unknown resources available to the students!

- Junior students will be excused from classes during the time at which the SAT is offered, take the exam in a comfortable location, and then return to classes to finish the school day.
- Please <u>complete registration for the exam at this link</u> so we can make final preparations for your test administration.
- Payment is due to Ms. DiMarco in the Guidance office by February 10, 2025.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mantay or your counselor.
- All students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 must take action now to create their schedules for next year. Read on for more information!

Scheduling for all Current 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students for the 2025-2026 School Year

This month, we begin the exciting and important process of scheduling your child's classes for next school year! The process has already begun with teachers promoting exciting courses tailored to your children's interests. We continue with some informative events and deadlines coming up:

• Beginning now! Online Course Selection for Grades 9-11

Your students can begin inputting 2025-2026 course requests on the online Infinite Campus portal.

As a family, discuss course options and make selections for next year. Our updated Seaford High School Course Handbook is where you can learn about our curricular offerings and more; this will be attached to this message and will be posted on our Guidance web site. You may have heard about some of the amazing new programs available to our students:

New Course Additions to Seaford High School

LIU Journalism & Writing for New Media

LIU Broadcasts, Podcasts & More

These courses will offer the optional opportunity to earn college credits through LIU.

- Attached to this message, you can also find a "how-to" designed to assist both you and your child as you choose courses on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- Please complete this task by Monday, January 27.
- Utilize an Advanced Self-Selection Conference Form if your child does not meet the GPA prerequisites for a particular course he/she wishes to take. This form will be available on the Guidance web site and in the Guidance office. Forms should be returned to the counselors by the last week of February.

• *NEW EVENT! Vikings Vision Day - Monday, January 27

- Seaford High School will operate on a special bell schedule on this opening day of the second semester. The bell and event schedule for this day will be released by the end of this week on ParentSquare and on Instagram.
- Students will experience the following:
 - Grades 9-11 will visit a "Curriculum Fair" to learn about all opportunities available to them, followed by "Counselor Connection" workshop wherein each counselor will meet with their caseloads by grade to provide guidance on how to achieve their "Viking Vision". If they haven't already, students will input online course selections.
 - Grade 12 will attend a special presentation about senior award opportunities (including many SHS building awards, community awards, scholarships, and the Patriot Award). All seniors should plan on attending this presentation.
 - All students will attend an assembly featuring returning favorite, motivational speaker <u>Gian Paul Gonzalez</u>.
- Seaford High School Curriculum Night Thursday, January 30

Students and families are invited to join us to learn about some of our specialized programs and opportunities available exclusively to our students! Please see flyer at the end of this letter.

- √ 5:30-6pm: Advanced Placement 101 (hosted by The Princeton Review)-All Invited! (Auditorium)
- √ 6-6:30pm: Class of 2029 Incoming 9th Grade Student & Family Orientation-for current 8th Grade (Auditorium)
- √ 6-8pm: Electrical Training Center Open House-All Invited! (Room 102) & Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program Open House-All Invited! (Room 116)
- √ 6-6:30pm: AP Capstone (AP Seminar/AP Research) Info Session for Current Freshmen/Sophomores (Library)
- ✓ 6:45-7:15pm: Science Research Information Session-All Invited! (Room 219)
- √ 7:15-7:45pm: Seal of Biliteracy & Seal of Civic Readiness Info Session-All Invited! (Auditorium)
- One-on-One Student-Counselor Meetings beginning January 28
 Once course selections are completed by the student, our guidance counselors will meet with each student individually (during lunch periods) to help ensure that we build a schedule of classes that will both satisfy graduation requirements and challenge each student to reach their fullest potential. Meeting schedules will be posted in the cafeterias.
- Student/Family Course Selection Confirmation March
 Once all details are final, parent/guardian confirmation is needed in order to proceed with building the master schedule for next year. Kindly note that once course selections are confirmed in March, resources will be put in place to accommodate each request; therefore, changes may not be made. Please stand by for communication from the Guidance office seeking your "sign-off".

We look forward to helping your children build successful schedules, transcripts, and futures. If you have any questions along the way, we are here to guide you and your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

In Seaford pride, Ms. Schnabel, Ms. Judson, and Mr. Mantay



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