

# WELCOME TO SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

ORIENTATION  
for  
Parents/Guardians and  
Students  
Class of 2029

# HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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# Grade 9 Electives

Course	Department	Type
Air Force JROTC		Full Year
Auto Technology 1	Technology	Semester
Band	Music	Semester
Career Development	Business	Semester
Children's Literature	Language Arts	Semester
Choir 101	Music	Semester
Computer Science Principles	Computer Science	Semester
Creative Writing	Language Arts	Semester
Financial Literacy in the 21st Century (Economics) *	Social Studies	Semester
Freshman Foundations: Success at SWMHS and Beyond!**	Social Studies	Semester
Introduction to 3D Art and Design	Art	Semester
Introduction to Art	Art	Semester
Introduction to Business	Business	Semester
Introduction to Digital Art	Art	Semester
Introduction to Video Production	Language Arts	Semester
Journalism	Language Arts	Semester
Microsoft Office Suite	Business	Semester
Monsters in Literature	Language Arts	Semester
Mythology	Language Arts	Semester
Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication	Language Arts	Semester
Theater 1	Performing Arts	Semester
Wood 1	Technology	Semester
World Geography and Global	Social Studies	Semester

\* Graduate requirement

\*\*Mandatory for all 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students

# Class of 2029

## Google Classroom

Class code: smww76v

Join and have access to:

- Grade 9 electives
- Course Description Book
- Counselors caseloads
- How to add electives in OnCourse Power Point
- Credits- how many do you need to pass to the next grade level?

Ms. C. O'Connor ~ Science, Industrial Arts, Nurses

# SCIENCE

Biology Honors

Biology CP

Integrated Science

Placement determination:

Semester grades in science and LAL

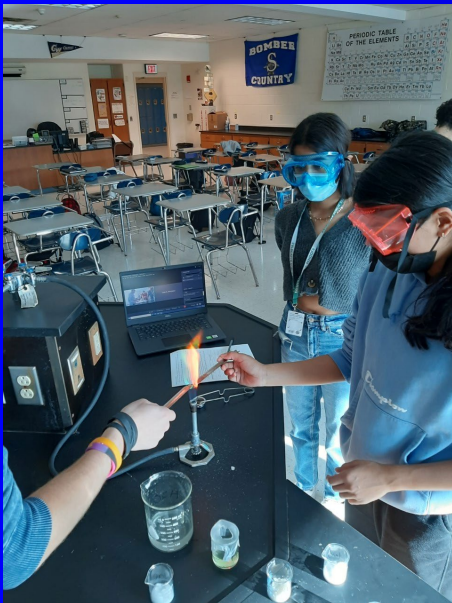
Quarterly assessment grades

Teacher recommendation

# STEM Academy

## Biomedical Strand

Required Science Courses		Required Math Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology Honors</li><li>• Chemistry Honors</li><li>• Physics</li><li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology Honors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP Biology</li><li>• AP Chemistry</li><li>• STEM Capstone</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geometry Honors</li><li>• Algebra II Honors</li><li>• Pre-Calculus Honors or AP Pre-Calculus</li><li>• Calculus Honors or AP Calculus AB or BC</li></ul>

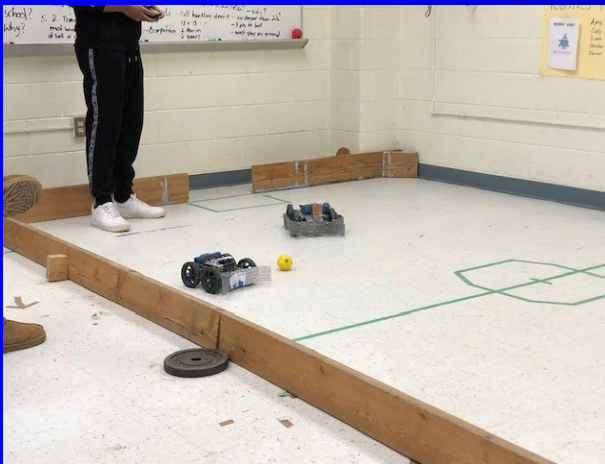




# STEM Academy

## Engineering Strand

Required Electives	Required Science Courses	Choice of 4 Math Courses	2 AP Science Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro. To Engineering</li> <li>• Engineering Drawing</li> <li>• Robotics</li> <li>• Adv. Architectural Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology Honors</li> <li>• Chemistry Honors</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• STEM Capstone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geometry Honors</li> <li>• Algebra II Honors</li> <li>• Pre-Calculus Honors</li> <li>• Calculus Honors</li> <li>• AP Pre-Calculus</li> <li>• AP Calculus AB</li> <li>• AP Calculus BC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP Biology</li> <li>• AP Chemistry</li> <li>• AP Environmental Science</li> </ul>



# TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES



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



# JROTC

## Air Force Junior ROTC Can be taken freshman through senior years.

- Ceremonial performances and protocol for civilian and military events
- Drill
- Aerospace environment
- Human requirements of flight
- Principles and physics of aircraft flight





Ms. Suzanne Capraro ~ ELA, ESL, World Language

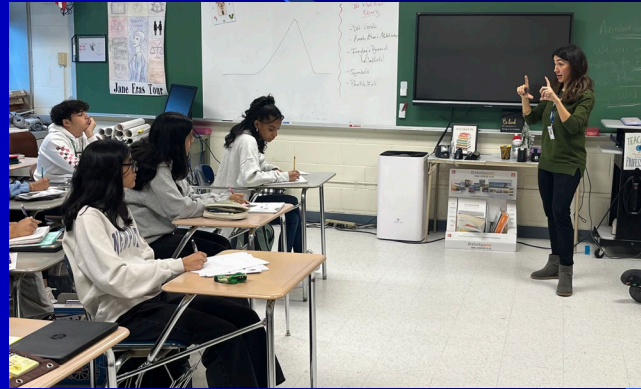
# ENGLISH: All 4 Years

## Freshman Levels:

English 9 Honors

English 9 CP

English 9



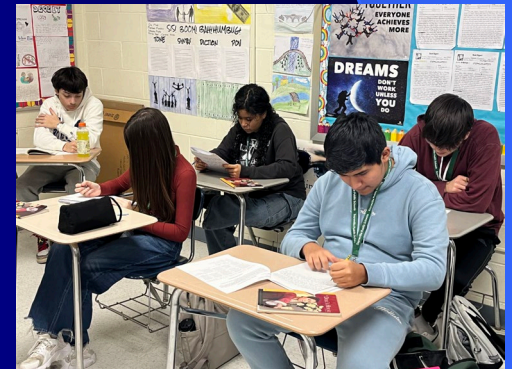
## Placement Criteria for English includes:

Semester 1 Grade

Quarterly Exam Average

LinkIt! Benchmark Form A /B Score

Current Level of English



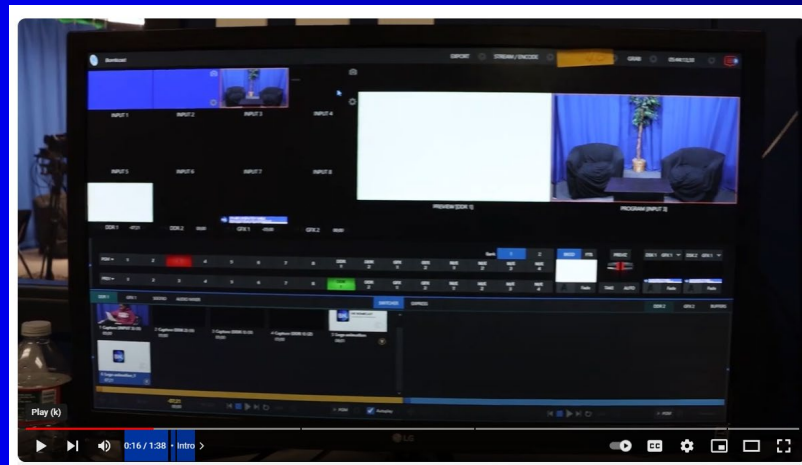
# ENGLISH RELATED ELECTIVES

- Creative Writing (*Images Magazine*)
- Children's Literature (FEA elective choice)
- Monsters in Literature
- Journalism (*Echolites*)
- Mythology
- Film Studies
- Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication  
(Practical Art, FEA elective choice)
- Introduction to Video Production  
(Practical Art)

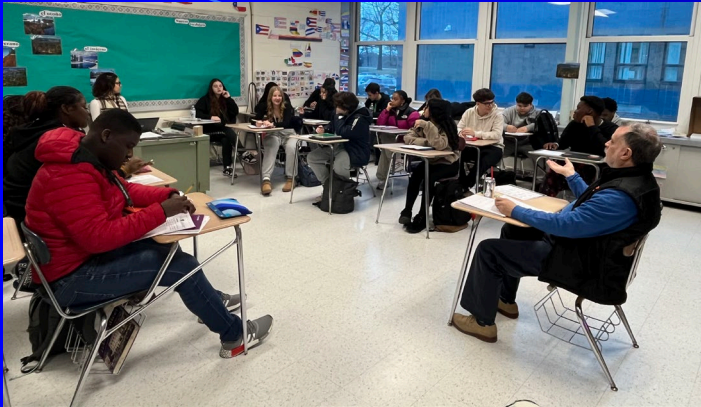


# Broadcast Media/TV Production

- Aligned to the practical arts graduation requirement
- Offered to all grade levels
- After intro course, two options:
  - Broadcast Media or Filmmaking
- Functioning TV Studio at SWMHS
- The BombCast: 100% Student Production



# WORLD LANGUAGES



## Freshman options:

- French 1
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- American Sign Language 1





# ESL Program at SWMHS

- ESL classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students
- Newcomer course for beginner students new to USA
- SEI/SIOP trained content area teachers
- Annual WIDA ACCESS testing





# NJ State Seal of Biliteracy



- Award given by the NJDOE
- Recognizes students who demonstrate proficiency in at least one language in addition to English by high school graduation
- Assessments administered from Jan. 1 of junior year through early Feb. of senior year
- Classes of 2021-2024: 87 Seals of Biliteracy awarded
- Class of 2025: 21 students eligible so far
- Class of 2026: 17 students eligible already!

# FUTURE EDUCATORS ACADEMY - FEA

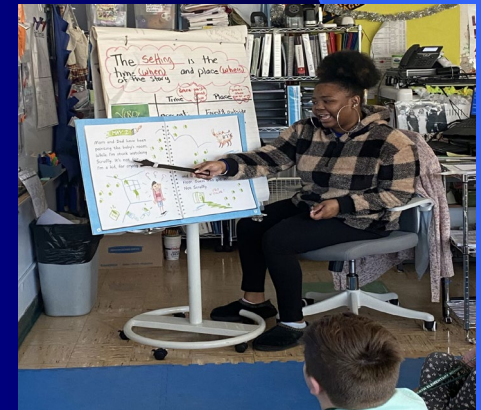
The Sayreville War Memorial High School Academy for future careers in education provides a focused course sequence that appeals to students who are interested in exploring a future in education. Academy students will be eligible to gain college credit through Rider University for a nominal fee.

## Elective Courses (must take two):

- Children's Literature
- Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication
- Parent/Child Development
- Social Foundations of Human Behavior

## Mandatory Courses:

- Introduction to Tomorrow's Teachers (gr 11)
- Tomorrow's Teachers Honors (gr 12)



# 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

ELA Benchmark Form B

Teacher Recommendation

# **SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES**

## **SEMESTER COURSES**

- **World Geography and Global Issues**
- **Freshman Foundations**
  - **Mandatory for all 9th Grade Students**
- **Financial Literacy in the 21st Century**
  - **Graduation Requirement**

Mr. Christopher Howard, Arts

# PERFORMING ARTS ELECTIVES

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

# Theatre I

- Offered to all grade levels
- Fulfills Performing/Fine Arts graduation requirement
- 2.5 credit course
- Dramatic Production in Fall
- Musical Production in Spring

# **Visual Arts Electives**

## **SEMESTER COURSES**

- **Introduction to Art**
- **Introduction to Digital Arts**
- **Introduction to 3D Arts and Design**

# VISUAL ARTS CAREER ACADEMY

The Visual Arts strand of the academy offers a comprehensive course sequence for students who may be interested in pursuing careers in the art field.

<u>LEVEL 1</u>	<u>LEVEL 2</u>	<u>LEVEL 3</u>	<u>LEVEL 4</u>
<b>Required course:</b>	<b>Choose two (2) of the following courses:</b>	<b>Choose the following course:</b>	<b>Choose one (1) of the following courses:</b>
<b>Introduction to Art (2.5)</b>	<b>Drawing (2.5)</b>	<b>Studio Art (5.0)</b>	<b>Advanced Art: A Capstone Course (5.0)</b>
<b>Also available:</b>	<b>Painting (2.5)</b>		<b>AP Art History (5.0)</b>
<b>Introduction to 3D Arts and Design (2.5)</b>	<b>Ceramics I (2.5)</b>		
<b>Introduction to Digital Arts (2.5)</b>	<b>Ceramics II (2.5)</b>		
	<b>Stained Glass (2.5)</b>		
	<b>Fashion Illustration (2.5)</b>		
	<b>Digital Arts II (2.5)</b>		
	<b>Any Other Introduction Course (2.5)</b>		



# MATHEMATICS

- Algebra 2 Honors
- Algebra 2
- Plane Geometry Honors
- Plane Geometry
- Algebra 1

## Criteria for Placement includes

- Semester 1 grades
- Quarterly Exam Performance
- Linkit Benchmark Data
- NJSLA data

# Computer Science Academy

**EMPOWER STUDENTS OF TODAY TO BECOME DIGITAL  
INNOVATORS OF TOMORROW**

<b>Grade 9 Required Course</b>	<b>Grade 10 Required Course</b>	<b>Grade 11 Required Course</b>	<b>Grade 12 Required Course</b>
<b>Performing Arts Elective</b>	<b>AP Computer Science Principles (5.0)</b>	<b>Front End Web Design (2.5)</b>	<b>AP Computer Science A (5.0)</b>

**We had two seniors among 400 exceptional students selected from across the country to receive \$40,000 in paid tuition to pursue their studies at the college of their choice, along with a paid internship at Amazon following their freshman year.**

# COMPUTER SCIENCE ELECTIVES

- Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science Principles



# BUSINESS ACADEMY

- Sayreville Business Academy for business careers provides a focused course sequence that appeals to the students who are interested in exploring a future in business.

## **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY BUSINESS FOR YOUTH (RUBY)**



Our honors accounting students had a great day at Rutgers Business School learning about admissions and future career opportunities.





# BUSINESS ACADEMY

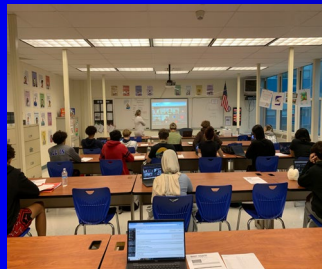
To empower students of today to become Business leaders of tomorrow

Grade 9 Required Course	Grade 10 Required Course	Grade 11 Required Course	Grade 12 Required Course
Performing Art Elective	Introduction to Business	Financial Accounting Honors	Managerial Accounting  Business Capstone
Performing Art Elective	Introduction to Business	Essentials of Marketing 1 Essentials of Marketing 2	Sports and Entertainment Marketing  Business Capstone

**Two SWMHS students received the** New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJCPA) Scholarship which awards \$1,500 scholarships to college-bound New Jersey high school seniors intending to major in accounting or obtain a concentration in accounting.

# BUSINESS ELECTIVES

- Introduction to Business (Semester)
- Career Development (Semester)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Semester)



CTE Advisory Board

Work Based Learning



Michael Fisher: Sayreville LA. This marketing pro shared his inspiring journey with Sayreville's marketing class today! From Red Bull to the World Surf League, he proved passion fuels success in creative fields like advertising.

Ms. J. Badami ~ Health, Physical Education, and Athletics

# **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 the previous year.

Freshmen to Senior Spring Season: successful completion of 15 credits at the end of semester one.

All Athletic Questions:  
[Jennifer.Badami@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:Jennifer.Badami@sayrevillek12.net)



# 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.

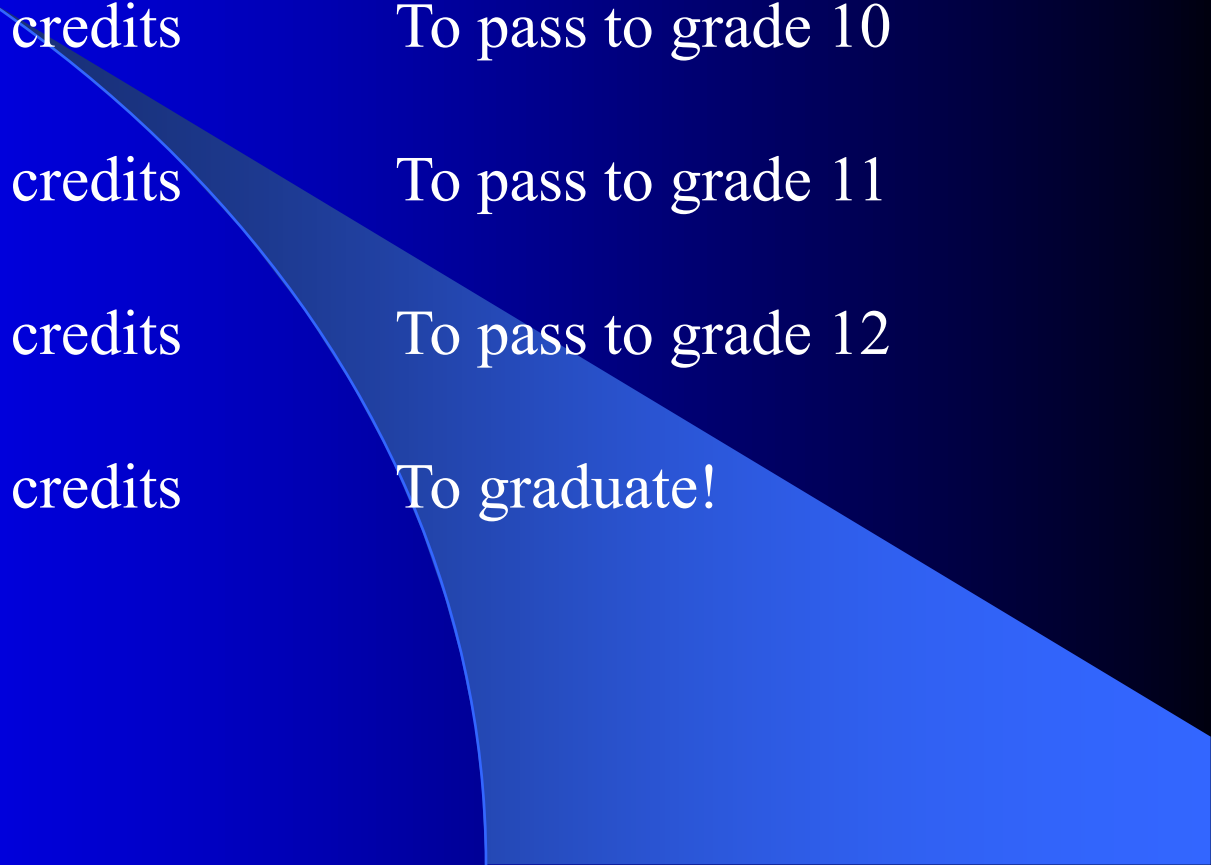
Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
Practical/Vocational Arts/21 <sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers Education	1 year
Physical Education and Health	Each year of enrollment
Financial Literacy/Economics	½ year

# Required Credits

In addition to passing the required courses, students must successfully complete 120 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
120	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**

# Attendance

If a student's absentee rate is equal to or greater than 10%, the student is considered chronically absent.

Half year class: 9 days

Full year class: 18 days

In order to earn credit for coursework, students must be present for a minimum of 90% of the days the course is in session, i.e.

Full-year course 162 days

Semester course 81 days

Any student who is absent from classes more than the allowed number of days shall be removed from those classes, lose credit and be assigned to study halls.

# THE SCHEDULING PROCESS

- Students will be choosing their electives directly in On Course. The window for choosing electives is open now and closes on March 16th at midnight. Parents can view and assist their child with this process. Students will be attending a presentation by the high school counselors in their social studies class on Feb. 6th.
- The current teachers will be adding their recommended courses in On Course. The school counselors will review these courses with the students as well as the electives they added in On Course during their one-on-one scheduling appointment.
- April 1st-April 8th - Students will be scheduled for their grade nine classes with their school counselor during their physical education classes, in-person at the middle school.
- The final courses and electives will be computer generated in August.

# Adding electives in On Course

This link will take you to the Guidance Department website link with the step-by-step instructions for adding electives in On Course:

<https://www.sayrevillek12.net/district/departments/counseling/high-school-counseling>



# ***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	25-26	Spanish 1	5.0	Feliciano	B211
Period 2	25-26	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	Nugent	D006
Period 4	S1	Lunch Fall			CAFE
Period 4	S2	Lunch Spring			CAFE
Period 5	25-26	World History CP	5.0	Ferreri	A223
Period 6	25-26	Plane Geometry	5.0	Jerome	B004
Period 7	S1	Freshman Foundations	2.5	Smith	A89
Period 7	S2	Mythology	2.5	Wrightson	A210
Period 8	25-26	Biology CP	5.0	Cicciari	D212

# Remediation and Intervention Courses

- Students take the NJSLA 08 for Math, English and Science.
- **Students who do not meet expectations of the grade eight NJSLA may be placed in a remedial math and/or language arts class instead of an elective. Student schedules will reflect this change in August.**

# SCHEDULING TIPS

- *Review* the freshmen electives and course descriptions on the Guidance Department website
- Or under "Departments" choose "Counseling Department"
  - Or join/visit the Class of 2029 Google Classroom  
Class code: **smww76v**
- Choose 2 electives and have 4-5 more *alternate electives*
  - Make elective selections in On Course

*After scheduling....*

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

# Freshman Student Orientation

In late August, an in-person orientation will be held at the high school.

Watch your school email, Parent Square, and check the district website for notification of the date and time.

# Class of 2029

We wish you success  
as you complete your last year  
in the Middle School.

We look forward to September and  
the beginning of your high  
school career!