Welcome to Sammamish High School Class of 2030!



Registration for the 2026-2027 school year!

Sammamish HS Counseling Team



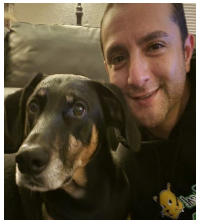
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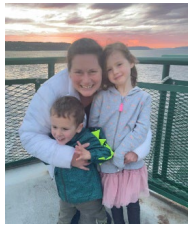
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MHAT Counselor

How to reach us: Email, Booking Link or Chat us any time!
You can find our contact information on the Sammamish High School Website.



COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCES

Ms. Vanessa Lopez-Kopp

College & Career Counselor

- Available Mon-Fri 7:30-3:30 PM
- Ways to reach her:
  - Via email: lopezk@bsd405.org
  - Book an Appointment
  - Swing by Room 201(fishbowl)

Get Help with:

- Answering Questions
- College Lists
- Application Advice
- Essay Review
- Financial Aid
- HSBP
- Find jobs
- Mock interviews
- WANIC
- And so much more!

High School Graduation vs. 4-year College Entrance Requirements

Class of 2024 & beyond	BSD High School Grad Requirements	4-year College Requirements
English	4 years	4 years
Social Studies	3.5 years	3 years
Math	3 years	**4 years recommended**
Science	3 years	**4 years recommended**
Fine Arts	2 years	1 year
CTE	1 year	
World Language	2 years or Personal Pathway	**2 years minimum 3-4 years recommended**
PE	1.5 years	
Health	0.5 year	
Total Credits	24.0 credits	



Additional high school graduation requirements

1. Cumulative 2.0 GPA
2. 40 hours of community service
3. WA State History taken in Middle School or High School
4. High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP)
5. State testing requirements
   - Smarter Balance ELA
   - Smarter Balance Math
   - Or Graduation Pathway



- If you were <u>not</u> in BSD in 7th and 8th grade, you need to take the WA State History class in High School.
- If you came from another district or a private school and took WA State History there, we will need proof that the requirement has been met, or you will need to make up WA State History.

WA STATE HISTORY

<u>Options for completing WA State History</u>

Class taken at Sammamish High School: 0.5 Credit Pacific Northwest History Social Studies Elective.

OneNote BSD Course: see your school counselor for registration instructions.

Approved DLD Online Course: see your school counselor for information.

What is a PPR ?

PPR = Personalized Pathway Requirements

PPR's can be used to replace the 2 credit World Language or 1 credit of the Fine Arts requirements.

All students must complete at least 1 credit of Fine Arts



- PPR's are optional ways of meeting certain requirements. Not every student will use this option.
- Student will work with school counselor in the spring of 11th grade to decide if a PPR is needed to meet graduation requirements.



Why challenge yourself in high school?

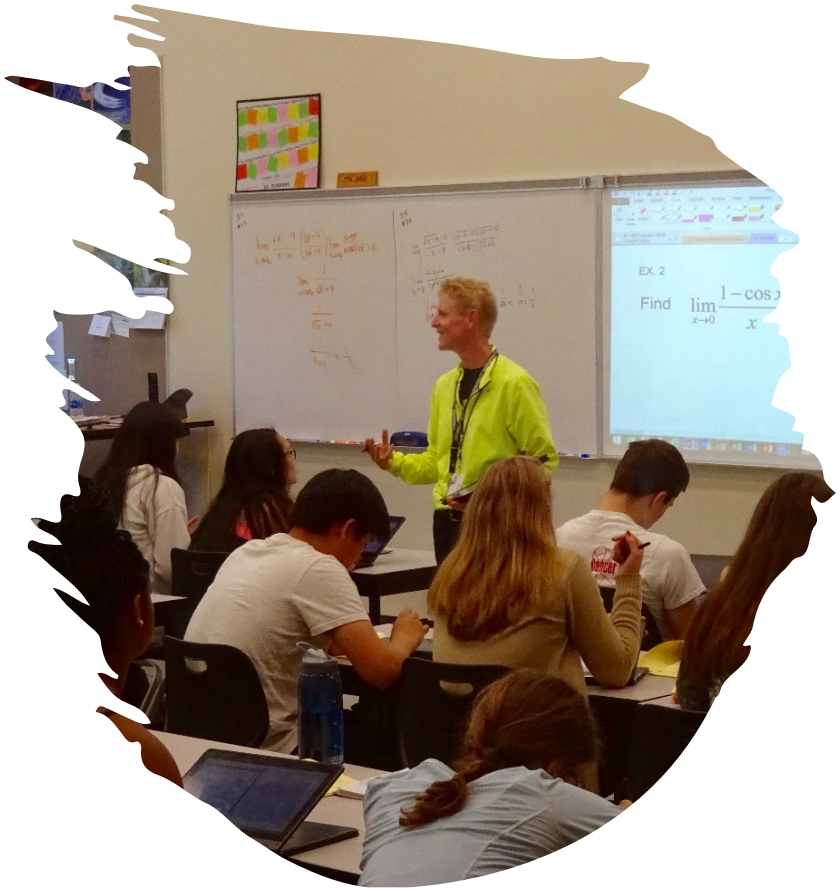
- Increasing rigor *(with balance)* throughout high school is critical for starting strong as a college freshman.
- Math is a gate-keeper for many majors and needs to be taken all four years in high school.
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics are minimum science requirements for many majors.
- 4 years of English and Social Studies will prepare you for the rigors of college
- 2 or more years of a language
- I year of Fine Arts in the same area (UC System)

Ways to add rigor to your schedule

- Challenging classes beyond the minimum requirements
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes
- College in the High School Classes

For juniors and seniors:

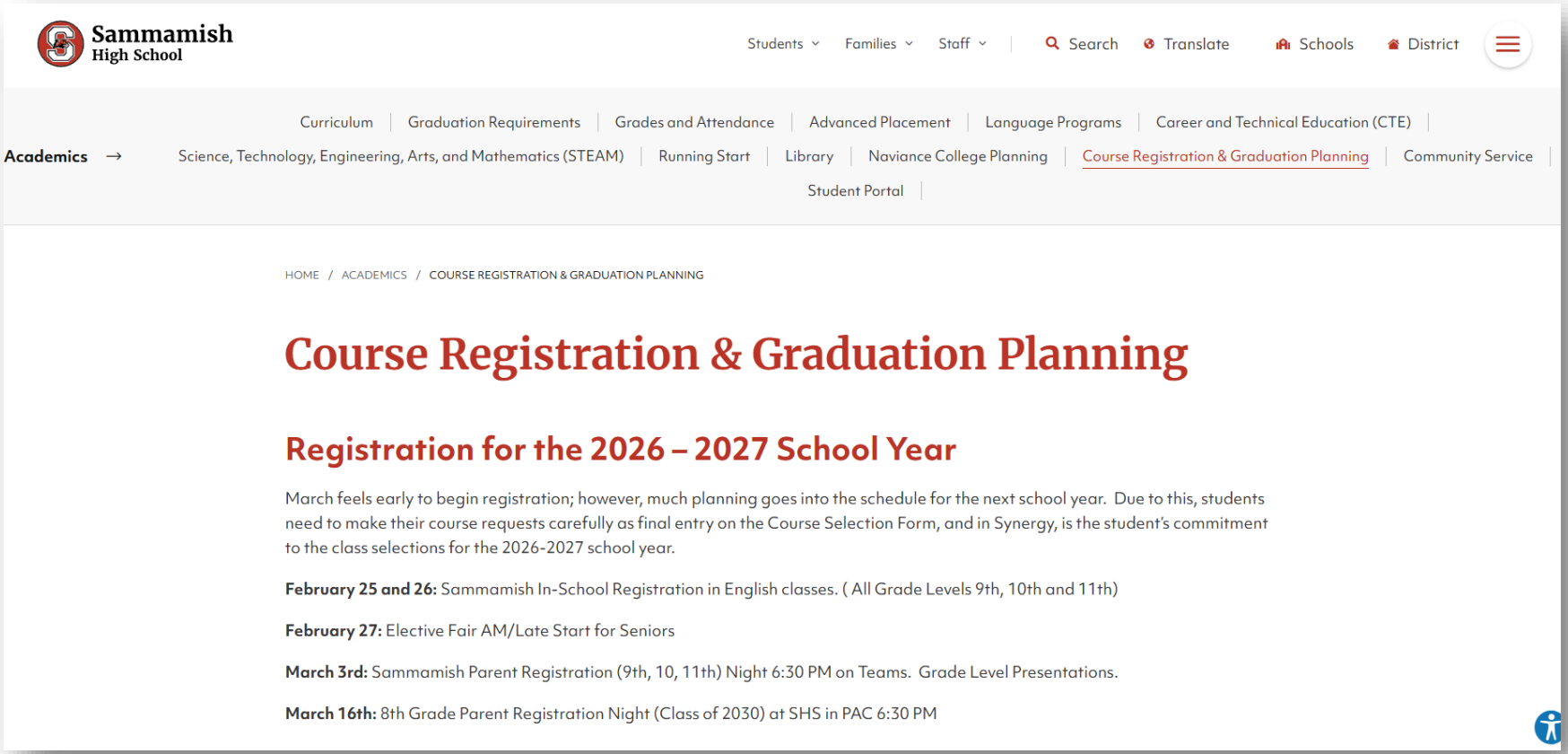
- WANIC classes like Health Sciences etc.
- Running Start classes



How to find everything you need for registration!

Everything you need to know about registration and planning for high school (and beyond) is on this webpage:

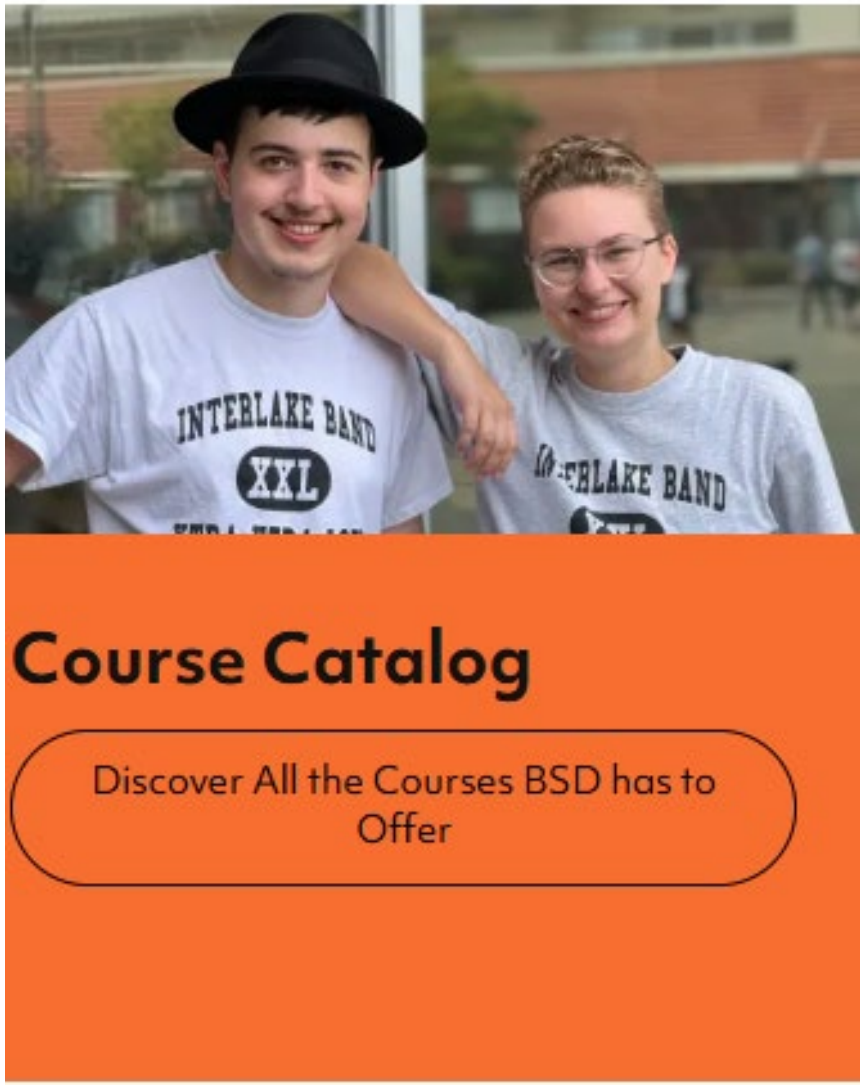
https://sammamishhigh.bsd405.org/academics/course-catalog



A FULL DESCRIPTION OF ALL CLASSES IS AVAILABLE ONLINE IN OUR BSD COURSE CATALOG!

WEBSITE: HTTPS://WWW.BSD405.ORG/COURSE-CATALOG

- BSD COURSE CATALOG



How do I earn credits in High School?



In high school, students take 7 classes per semester

If you pass all 7 classes both semesters, you will earn at least 7.0 credits for that year

Earning 7.0 credits for 4 years means students often graduate with at least 28 credits. 24 is the minimum requirement

Sem 1 Course	Credit	Sem 2 Course	Credit
AP Human Geography	.50	AP Human Geography	.50
Honors Frosh Composition	.50	Honors Frosh Composition	.50
Biology	.50	Biology	.50
Math	.50	Math	.50
Foundations of Fitness	.50	Foundations of Fitness	.50
World Language or Elective	.50	World Language or Elective	.50
CTE or Arts Elective	.50	CTE or Arts Elective	.50
Sem 1:	3.5 credits	Semester 2:	3.5 credits

9th Grade Course Planning

English:
Honors Freshman Composition (full year)

Social Studies:
AP Human Geography (full year) course is recommended for all 9th graders

Mathematics:
(full year)
- Based on level and prerequisites

Science:
Biology (full year)

Physical Education:
Foundations of Fitness (full year)

World Language:
(full year) Suggested to continue in the course progression

Electives:
World Language, PE, CTE and Fine Arts

Will need to take 1.0 credits of CTE and 2.0 Fine Arts Credits to graduate

Must have a 7-period schedule

9th Grade Dual Language Course Planning

English:
Honors Freshman Composition (full year)

Social Studies:
AP Human Geography (full year) course is recommended for all 9th graders

Mathematics:
DL Algebra 1 or
DL Geometry
(Full Year)
- Based on level and prerequisites

Science:
Biology (full year)

Physical Education:
Foundations of Fitness (full year)

DL Spanish:
Honors Hispanic Studies
(Full Year)

Electives:
PE, CTE and Fine Arts

Will need to take 1.0 credits of CTE and 2.0 Fine Arts Credits to graduate

Must have a 7-period schedule

Core Classes

English

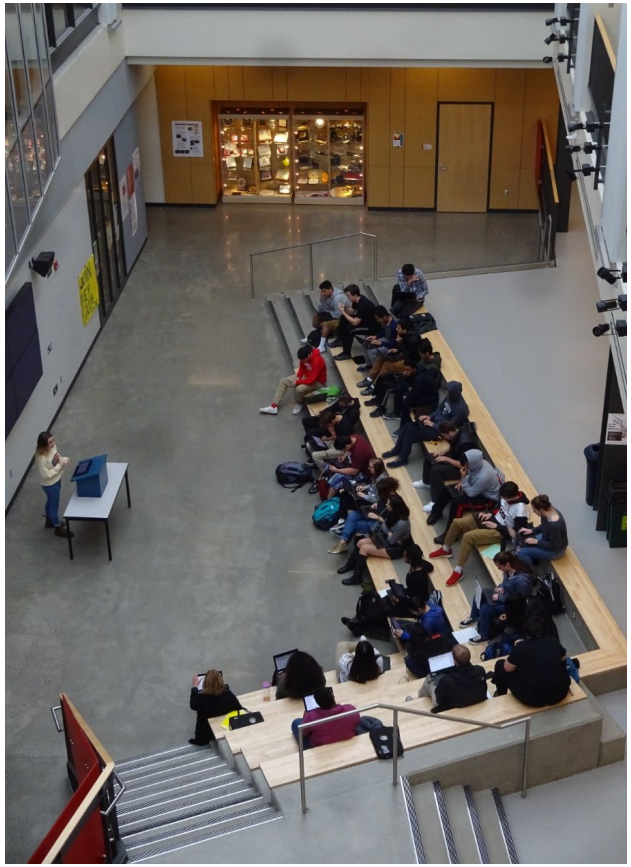
- Honors Freshman Composition

Social Studies

- AP Human Geography

Physical Education

- Foundations of Fitness- required for full year
- **Students can earn Sport as PE credit for the PE credit in 10th grade, remember to register for the PE assessment & submit application.**
- Students must pass Foundations of Fitness to be eligible!



Mathematics:
3 credits required

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2

After passing Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry choose from math options below:

- Intro to Data Science
- Math Models
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- AP Stats
- AP Calc AB/BC (two periods)
- Adv Calc/Differential Equations



Science:
3 credits required

- 9th graders at SHS will register for Biology (year long course)
- Need 3 years of Science
- Sequence:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Choose your Choice of course



World Languages at SHS:

- 2 Credits in the same language required for high school graduation, 3+ for college
- Choose from: Chinese (Mandarin), French, or Spanish
- Online Course Options: Arabic and Korean
- OR choose the World Language Competency test if you already speak another language- check the website for Language options







Would you like to earn high school credit for a language other than English that you speak at home?

The competency test is a way to earn high school credit for a language you already know.



Washington State Seal of Biliteracy

BSD world-language/competency-credits

Look for signups in the fall.



Earn the Seal of Biliteracy In the State of Washington, students qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating proficiency in English and another World Language.

Students must demonstrate proficiency on a nationally normed language test (AP, IB, or a STAMP Exam).

Bellevue Digital Discovery Language Classes

Students can take the following language classes online, during the school day, with Digital Discovery teachers in 2026-2027. Students can register with their counselor during registration in February/March like their other classes.

- 2026-2027 Secondary Language Level Offerings:
  - Arabic : Levels 1-4
  - Korean: Levels 1-4

About the Programs:

Follow the BSD World Language Path

Class is 5 days a week, online, during normal school hours

Use the school libraries as the learning space with librarian support while students log into Teams for live teaching by language teacher

Teachers visit each school multiple times to build in-person connections with the students

Students do not need to have a background in the language to join the program

For More Information, Please Email Your Future Teachers:



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BELLEVUE DIGITAL DISCOVERY

Elective Options

- Your classes must equal 7.0 credits.
- *Think about taking challenging electives that could lead to future college interests or electives that allow you to explore your creative side!*
- *Talk with your trusted adults, asking your teachers, family about what classes you'd like to take helps you to figure out what best fits your interests in high school.*





GO REDHAWKS!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING SPORTS?







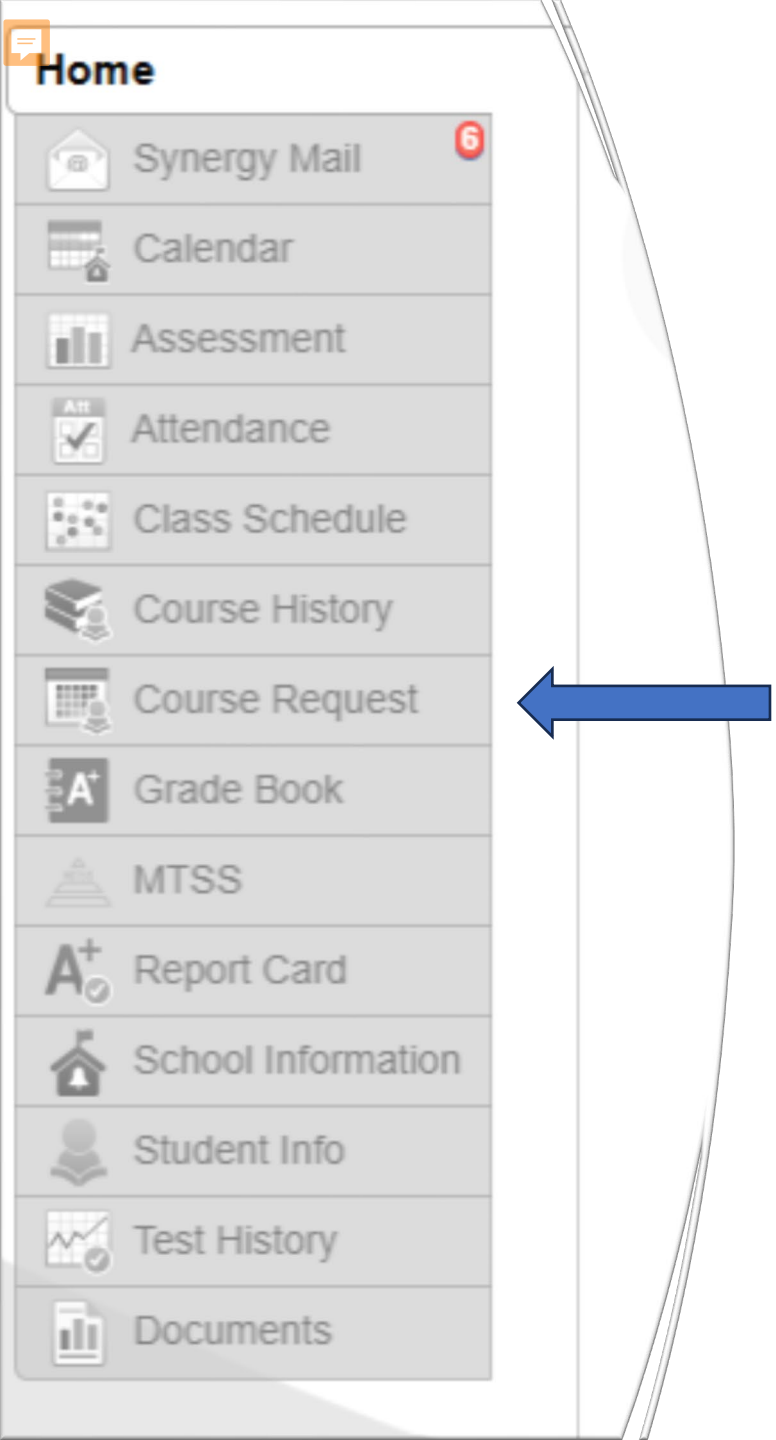
- WIAA standards require that you must be passing 6 classes to play
- BSD requires that you maintain a cumulative GPA at or above 2.0
- Advice for juniors and seniors who want to play sports AND struggle academically or have a GPA of lower than a 2.5
  - *Take 7 periods instead of 6 + open period.*
  - *Choose electives that you are interested in and will do well to boost up your GPA.*

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

- Find all details & info on our Registration Website
- Materials **due** for incoming 9th graders on the following dates **SEE TABLE HERE →**
- SHS counselors will be available to meet with students who need help with registration.
- Select your courses using the color-coded Course Request Forms → return to your school counselor or teacher (Ask your school who to turn it into)
- Register for courses in StudentVUE → Course Request
- Please write on the form "I want to see the counselor" if you want to talk with your assigned high school counselor

Registration Pick Up Date:

- Mon 3/23: **Highland** (all day)
- Tues 3/24: **Chinook** (7:45AM)
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How to Register: Through Synergy, on StudentVUE

StudentVUE → Course Requests

Click to enter or change course requests → Select a total of 7 credits, including 2-5 credits of alternates

Click here to return to course request summary → Add before Blitz meeting with school counselor. Requests can be edited during appointment with counselor

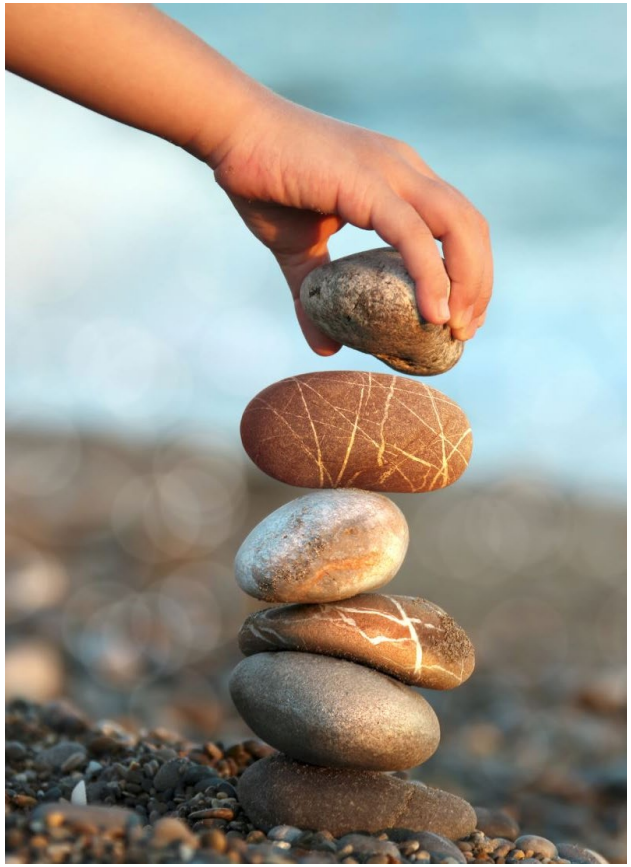
REMEMBER…

- **Include alternates** for your electives.
- **The expectation** is that you discuss your course requests with your family.
- **Talk to current teachers** to choose classes that are the best fit for you.
- **Choose carefully** –you are committing to your course selections for next year.



“Balance” is the key in high school

- Make thoughtful choices
- Maintain balance between academic and extracurricular activities and work
- Explore interests!



Registration Information Session for Families (Class of 2030)



- Let your family know that we welcome everyone to attend this event.
- When: Monday, March 16th, 2026
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Where: PAC at Sammamish High School, 100 140th AVE SE, Bellevue, WA 98005

Let's Review: Registration To Do List

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Registration information: Found at Sammamish/counseling/course-registration-graduation-planning

Steps for Registration:

1. Fill out Course Request Form
    1. Discuss with Teachers & Families
2. Meet with your Counselor
    1. Set up a time to meet with them ahead of time
3. Register for classes on StudentVUE
    1. Found on the tabs on the LEFT side
    2. make sure it equals to 7 Credits + 4 Alternative Electives



Thank You! Any Questions?