

# Ninth Grade Academy News

## Parents of Current Ninth Grade Spartans:

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Our Ninth Grade Academy team has enjoyed getting to know and working with the class of 2020. It has been a great year! Below we have listed some frequently asked Ninth Grade Scheduling questions. Students and parents are also encouraged to contact counselors, Mr. Anderson ([janderson@sacs.k12.in.us](mailto:janderson@sacs.k12.in.us)) and Mrs. Braman ([abraman@sacs.k12.in.us](mailto:abraman@sacs.k12.in.us)) with any questions you might have about the Sophomore year experience.

**\*Adding a Seminar:** If a student holds 7 credit-bearing classes their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, he/she has the option of dropping a course for a Seminar until March 10.

**\*Summer PE:** Registration for Summer PE will open this month (March). We encourage interested students/parents to watch their emails and the website for information. We will also have applications available in the Ninth Grade Academy office. Summer PE does fill up quickly, and priority is given to upperclassmen. We encourage 9<sup>th</sup> grade families interested to have a “plan B” just in case the program reaches capacity this summer.

**\*PE II Waiver:** If your child intends to participate in a sport or activity that allows them to qualify for the PE2 waiver, he/she must sign up for PE1 Sophomore year, if they have not already taken that course. Being scheduled to complete PE1 is one of several requirements of the PE2 waiver. A complete list of waiver requirements can be found in the [Course Description Guide](#).

**\*Personal Finance Test-Out Option:** Students will have the option of testing out of Personal Finance during their 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade years only. This test will be offered in October to those interested. Students will be notified via the website and Canvas of the opportunity and preparation details. If your son/daughter was not successful with the test-out option this year, and would like to try again, please have them look online for preparation materials and begin reviewing this summer.

**\*Schedule Changes:** Schedule/course change requests for the entire 2017-2018 school year will not be honored after **2:45 PM** on **June 5, 2017**. Please keep this deadline in mind when considering adjustments.

**\*Leveling from Honors or AP:** It is important to remember that students always have the first four weeks of each semester to level from an Honors or AP course to a regular level course. Some Dual Credit courses allow this leveling option as well.

### Important Dates for Ninth Graders/Parents

**March 10:** Last day to drop a class for a Seminar

**March:** Talk to your son or daughter about the College and Career Conversations occurring with his/her Advisor. These conversations focus on the following questions about life beyond high school:

- Who are they?
- Where are they going?
- How are they going to get there?

**May 11:** AP World History Exam

**June 5:** Last day for 2017-2018 schedule change requests. These requests must be turned in to the Ninth Grade Academy Office by 2:45 PM.