

Eighth Grade Parent Orientation – January 20, 2021

PowerPoint presentation will be made available on the JCHS webpage <http://cwcboe.org/jchsguidance>

Scheduling Process

January 22nd

- JCHS Counselors conduct Zoom Webinar to Grover Cleveland Middle School to share Program of Studies and provide a general introduction to the high school.

Week of February 17th

- JCHS counselors meet individually with eighth graders at GCMS to discuss elective choices and world language preference. Students will be informed of class placement as determined by their current course and academic performance.

March

- Proposed list of ninth grade courses for current eighth graders will be made available in the Genesis Parent Portal for parents to review.

Summer

- Student schedules will be made available in the Genesis Parent Portal for students and parents to review.
- Freshman Orientation

Typical 9th Grade Course of study

English 9

World Cultures

Health & Physical Education 9

Science: Biology I or Investigations in Biology

Mathematics: Algebra I or Algebra I Concepts, OR Geometry or Geometry Honors

World Language: Students will choose Spanish, Italian, or Latin

*Science, Math, and World Language placement determined by current course and academic performance. Please see opposite side for course criteria.

Elective: every effort will be made to give students their top elective choices, but these are requests only and cannot be guaranteed. See below for elective options.

Music/Theater

- Band (full year)
- Chorus (full year)
- Orchestra (full year)
- Introduction to Theatre (half year)
- Theatre 1 (half year)

Art

- Draw/Paint (full year)
- Introduction to Draw/Paint (half year)
- Introduction to Ceramics (half year)
- Ceramics 1 (full year)
- Digital Photography (full year)
- Computer Graphic Design (full year)

World Language

- Mythology (half year)

Business

- Introduction to Business (full year)
- 21st Century Marketing (full year)

Industrial Technology

- Architectural Design (half year)
- Introduction to Technology (full year)
- Introduction to Technology (half year)
- Computer Aided Design (full year)
- Computer Science (full year)
- Introduction to Woodworking (half year)
- Wood I (full year)

Family & Consumer Science

- Interior Decorating (half year)
- Clothing (half year)
- Basic Foods (half year)
- International Foods (half year)

** 9th Grade students may also opt to enroll in the Freshman Honors Seminar as an elective choice.

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Course Placement

English 9/ World Cultures – all students will take these courses.

Health & Physical Education 9 - all students will take these courses.

Science: Biology 1 or Investigations in Biology

- ALL students will take a Biology course. If a student's *current* average is an 80 or above, the student will be placed in Biology I. If a student's *current* average is a 79 or lower, the student will be placed in Investigations in Biology.

Mathematics: Algebra I or Algebra I Concepts OR Geometry or Geometry Honors

- **Algebra I students:** Any student currently enrolled in Algebra I will be placed in Geometry. Students will be offered the option of taking the Geometry Honors assessment to determine if they are eligible. As long as a student successfully PASSES Algebra I at the middle school level, they will be expected to take Geometry at the 9th grade level.
- **Pre-Algebra students:** Any student currently enrolled in Pre-Algebra will take either Algebra I or Algebra I Concepts. If a student's *current* average is an 80 or above, the student will be placed in Algebra I. If a student's *current* average is a 79 or lower, the student will be placed in Algebra I Concepts.

World Language: Students will choose Spanish, Italian, or Latin

Spanish students:

- **Intro to Spanish** Any student currently enrolled in Intro to Spanish who has a *current average* of 75 or above should be placed into Spanish 1
- **Intro to Spanish** Any student currently enrolled in Intro to Spanish who has a *current average* of 74 or below should be placed into Spanish Communication and Culture 1
- **Spanish 1** Any student currently enrolled in Spanish 1 who has a *current average* of 75 or above should be placed into Spanish 2
- **Spanish 1** Any student currently enrolled in Spanish 1 who has a *current average* of 74 or below should be placed into Spanish 1

Italian students:

- **Intro to Italian** Any student currently enrolled in Intro to Italian should be placed into Italian 1
- **Italian 1** Any student currently enrolled in Italian 1 who has a *current average* of 75 or above should be placed into Italian 2
- **Italian 1** Any student currently enrolled in Italian 1 who has a *current average* of 74 or below should be placed into Italian 1

Freshman Honors Seminar: interested 8th graders must sign up with their Language Arts teacher and have an 85 or above mid-year in Language Arts & Social Studies in order to qualify. **No exceptions will be made.** This is a full course that meets regularly during the school day. It will be considered an elective course.

Elective Choices: every effort will be made to give students their top elective choices, but these are requests only and cannot be guaranteed. Students will have 2 electives in their schedule next year.

Students should take the strongest program each year that:

1 – they are comfortable with, 2 – they can do well in, and 3 – can still have a life beyond the classroom!