

9TH GRADE INFORMATION SESSION

Welcome to High School

A YEAR OF CHANGE: FOR HOPE AND VISION

- Back to Learning
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Canvas
- Edgenuity
- Online Attendance
- E- Forms
- Help Desk Tickets
- VIRTUAL DAYS ARE SCHOOL WORKING DAYS!!!



WHO IS YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

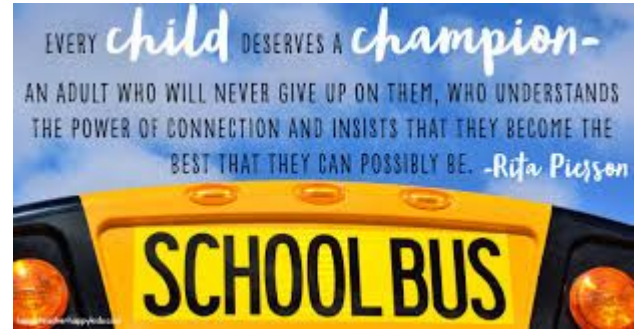
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ESSENTIAL QUESTION

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN
NINTH GRADE AND BEYOND?

LET'S TALK ABOUT...

- Types of Courses
- GPA (Calculating/Importance/Types)
- The Importance of Course Rigor
- Transcripts
- Promotion to 10th Grade Requirements
- Graduation Requirements
- Student Responsibilities in the Classroom (Study Skills, Make-up work, Talking to your teacher, CANVAS, PowerSchool, Email, Naviance)

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- General
- College Prep
- Honors
- AP
- Steel Center

WHAT'S A GPA AND WHO CARES?

- Grade Point Average (GPA)

A=4.0 90-100

B=3.0 80-89

C=2.0 70-79

D=1.0 65-69

F=0.0 64 and Below

- Cumulative, Weighted
- Determines Class Rank
- SPHS adds 1.0 for AP courses, and .5 for honors

WHERE WILL YOUR GPA TAKE YOU?

College/University

Average GPA

University of Pittsburgh	3.75 - 4.34
Penn State University	3.55 - 3.97
Slippery Rock	3.12 - 3.30
Robert Morris	3.00 - 3.50
California University	3.12 - 3.30
Harvard University	4.17
MIT	4.16
Carnegie Mellon University	3.77

WHERE WILL YOUR GPA TAKE YOU?

- NHS - Cumulative GPA 3.8 or higher
- Graduating with honors - 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Graduating with high honors - 3.6 Cumulative GPA
- Dual Enrollment- 3.5 Cumulative GPA

WHAT DOES YOUR TRANSCRIPT SAY ABOUT YOU?

- Your cumulative GPA
- Your class rank
- Rigor of courses
- Courses that count toward NCAA GPA
- Credits

REPORT CARD VERSUS TRANSCRIPT

Report Card	Transcript
Grades from one nine weeks (1 MP)	Record of all high school final grades (End of the Year Grade, Average of 4 MPs)
Unofficial Document	Legal official document
Used by parent or guardian	Used by colleges, military, and employers
Includes some personal information	Includes identifying personal information
Includes Current GPA	Includes class rank and cumulative GPA

MOVIN ON UP!

- Must earn at least 6 credits to be a sophomore and eligible for Steel Center
- Must earn at least 12 credits to be a junior
- Must earn at least 18 credits to be a senior
- 25 credits required to graduate from South Park
- 4 years of English and History
- 3 years of Math and Science
- 1 credit PE, $\frac{1}{2}$ credit Computer Applications, $\frac{1}{2}$ credit College and Career, .25 credit of Health (online)

REMEMBER....

- A failed course may have to be repeated
- Failed grades STAY on your Transcript
- Higher grades make your GPA better, SO STUDY!

SCHEDULING?

- You are signed into the course based on your semester grade.
- You must meet the prerequisites for that course.
(Grades/Courses)
- Steel Center

BEING SUCCESSFUL IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Participate in school regularly
- Be to class on time
- Have your materials, keep an agenda, stay organized
- Pay attention in class
- Complete your assignments
- Review CANVAS, PowerSchool, Naviance
- Find out what you missed when absent and make up work in a timely manner (don't expect your teachers to hunt you down)
- Take detailed notes - review notes to study
- Study Nightly
- Communicate with your teacher (email, in-person)
- Seek help/ZOOM (Teacher)
- Get involved!

WHAT NOT TO DO...

- Miss school
- Come late to class
- Expect teachers or parent/guardian to be responsible for your school work
- Fail to complete your work/homework
- Not pay attention
- Fail to take care of yourself - lack of sleep, skipping meals, not staying hydrated
- Cheat
- Earn zeros
- Not ask for help

WHY GET INVOLVED IN CLUBS, ACTIVITIES & SPORTS?

- Make new friends
- Learn new things
- Discover a new interest
- Build your resume
- Develop useful skills
- Helps you become connected with your school
- Have fun
- Scholarship Opportunities

RESOURCES

- Email and Zoom with your teachers
- Email and Zoom your counselors
- Student Assistance Team
- Counseling Available at the high school

QUESTIONS