

Academic Advising

- Now that the first semester is winding down it's time to start thinking about classes for next year!
- Students owe it to themselves to make the most informed decisions possible when it comes to selecting classes.
- Students should aim to find the right mix of ambition, balance, goals, and requirements to select the classes that keep them on track to graduate.
- Find classes that challenge you appropriately and allow you to explore interests and grow.
- Next we'll review the timeline for the academic advising process, and then share with you details about our upcoming Course Information Fair on Monday, February 3rd.

Academic Advising Timeline

- **Feb 3 - Course Information Fair (during both Returns)**
 - Students will have the opportunity to visit 4 different classes of their choosing to hear from teachers and learn more about the class
- **Feb 3 & 4 - Teacher feedback meetings (in all classes)**
 - Students will have mini-conferences with each of their teachers to receive feedback on classes to consider for next year

Academic Advising Timeline (con't)

- **Feb 5-Feb 18- Academic Advising window for Juniors**
 - Juniors will visit the College & Career Center (CCC) during their History class at some point within this window
 - While your class is in the CCC, you will have your individual meeting with your counselor to select classes for next year
- **Feb 19-25 - Academic Advising window for Sophomores**
 - Sophomores will visit the College & Career Center (CCC) during their PE class at some point within this window
 - While your class is in the CCC, you will have your individual meeting with your counselor to select classes for next year

Academic Advising Timeline (con't)

- **Feb 27-Mar 6 - Academic Advising window for Freshmen**
 - Freshmen will visit the College & Career Center (CCC) during their PE class at some point within this window
 - While your class is in the CCC, you will have your individual meeting with your counselor to select classes for next year
- All 9th-11th grade students will have an individual meeting with their counselor to select classes for next year. If you do not take PE or History this year, or take it online, your counselor will contact you separately to schedule an academic advising appointment (be sure to check your FCPS email consistently).

Academic Advising Timeline (con't)

- Mar 7 - last day to sign up for an Academy class with your counselor
- Mar 14 - last day to make changes to course requests for next year
- Mar 24 - last day to complete registration process with NOVA for any Dual Enrollment class

Course Information Fair

- During 3rd period on February 3rd we will hold our Course Information Fair to help students learn more about classes (both core and elective) that you're interested in possibly taking next year.
- Both return periods will be used for the Course Information Fair and no appointment passes are available.
- The 90 minute block will be broken up into 4 sessions (each will be ~16 min long) where teachers will present information on a wide variety of classes we will offer to students next year.
- Students will be able to select 4 classes to visit over the course of the period and hear from the teacher of the class to learn more about it.

Course Information Fair - schedule

- 9:40 - dismissed from 1st period and immediately go to your 1st choice classroom for the Course Info Fair
- 9:47 - 10:04 - session 1
- 10:11 - 10:28 - session 2
- 10:35 - 10:52 - session 3
- 10:59 - 11:15 - session 4
- 11:15 - end of 3rd period/Fair...go directly to 5th period

Course Information Fair - prep

- Using the worksheet provided to you now, take time now to look through the options available during the Fair so you know which classes you want to visit that day and where you can find them.
- After reviewing the options available, make a note on a separate sheet of paper, or on your laptop (or later on your phone), of the 4 classes you wish to visit during the Fair on Feb 3.
- When you finish noting which sessions you intend to visit, please return the sheet to your teacher. You'll get it back at the end of 1st period on Feb 3, and use it during the Course Information Fair.

Course Information Fair - notes

- Note 4 classes you want to visit, plus 1-2 alternates (some classrooms will be full so you might not get to visit each class you'd like to see that day).
- Remember that some classes will only be offered during certain sessions (i.e. sessions 1 and 2 only or 3 and 4 only), and some classes are only available to rising Juniors and Seniors...so plan accordingly.
- Select classes that are best for YOU! Go to the classes you want to take, not ones based on your friends. Don't be afraid to explore something new and different.
- Also remember to be realistic about how much you can take on next year and plan accordingly when thinking about which classes to take.

Course Information Fair - wrap up

- If you don't get to visit a class during the fair, the worksheet tells you which room each class is taught in. You are welcome (and encouraged!) to go visit those teachers on your own at another time (i.e. after school one day).
- You don't have to visit a session in order to take it next year. This is only to help you make more informed decisions for next year.
- If you have any questions about any of the classes being offered, please ask your current teacher in that subject area.
- If you have any questions about the Course Information Fair in general, please ask your counselor.