



9th Grade Connections

February 2017 Newsletter

Hello 9th grade families!

We hope everyone had a nice and restful Winter Break. It's hard to believe we're halfway through the school year already!

The spring semester is always a very busy time of year between course registration for next year, Spring Break, testing, and graduation. It is important that students stay organized and keep up with their work amidst all of these things so they can have a strong finish to their freshmen year.

First semester report cards were posted on the Home Access Center (HAC) on Friday, January 20th. Something to keep in mind: all freshmen have now started their cumulative high school grade point average (GPA). The GPA that is listed on their report cards is their unweighted GPA (this GPA does not include extra value points for honors/AP courses). An unweighted GPA of a 2.0 is required for graduation. It is critical that students do their best in all of their courses their freshmen year so they are starting their high school GPA off on the right track. It is easy for GPA's to drop but it is very difficult to raise them later on!

A few important things about course registration:

- Rising sophomore (current 9th graders) registration will occur between February 6th to the 16th (schedule is listed on next page). Registration appointments are scheduled through students' English classes.
- It is very important that students and families review their course recommendations and all of

the registration information that was distributed (and is posted on the BTHS website), prior to students' registration appointments. Please have your child bring their completed and signed course recommendation and elective sheets, along with any other necessary forms, to their registration appointment.

- We welcome families to attend their child's registration appointment as we will not be able to accommodate individual appointments outside of the registration window.
- If students were not recommended for an honors or AP class and wish to change their placement, they will need to complete (with a parent/guardian signature) a "Course Recommendation Re-Evaluation" form and turn it in by April 13th.
- Please note, the order in which students are scheduled for their registration appointments does not impact course availability (i.e., students who have a later registration date do not get "last pick".)
- If your student is absent on the day of their registration appointment, they will be issued a pass for a make-up appointment.
- Lastly, students will have until April 13^h to make any changes to their course requests.

Rising Sophomore Registration Schedule*

Rising Sophomores	Period	English Teacher
Tuesday, February 7	1-7	Chancellor (Eng. 1 H)
Thursday, February 9	1-7	Kidwell (Eng. 1 H / Eng. 1)
Friday, February 10	1-7	Loverich (Eng. 1 H/ Eng. 1)
Monday, February 13	2-7	Peyman (Eng. 1)
Tuesday, February 14	1-2 & 5-6	Makeups**
	3 & 7	Thompson (Eng. 1 H)
Thursday, February 16	1-7	Makeups**

*The complete registration schedule can be found on the BTHS website.

**All BT students should have attended registration by Friday, February 16th.

February Happenings

-January 23rd – February 16th: 2017-2018 Course Registration (see schedule on left)
 -February 17th - Teacher In-Service Day- Student Holiday
 -February 13th @ 6:30 p.m.: BTHS 8th Grade Night (for rising freshmen/families zoned for BT)
 -February 8th: 3rd quarter interims
 -February 20th: Presidents' Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
 -February 27th - March 6th: FSA Writing Testing Window (9th/10th grades only)

