

# Registration for Senior Year



**CLASS OF 2015**

# Senior Scheduling



- **Today, you will be visiting with your counselor to complete your senior course selections**

# Some reminders when you get your card....



- **Not all classes in the guide are taught at FHS.**
- **All classes are subject to close due to lack of student interest.**

# Full year and one term classes



- Look at FHS List of Classes grades 10-12: If the course has a \* by it, this class meets for one semester only. Place it in one box on your card and **choose another \* class for the same box.**
- If it does not have an \*, it meets all year.

# CTE Pathways



- **Agriculture Sciences**
- **Architecture & Construction**
- **Arts, AV Technology & communication**
- **Business Management & Administration**
- **Education & Training**
- **Financial Systems**

- **Health Science**
- **Hospitality & Tourism**
- **Information Technology**
- **Law, Public Safety & Security**
- **Marketing, Sales & Service**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics**

# CTE Center



- Upper level electives are taught at CTE for many career areas.
- Most have prerequisites
- Some have applications
- Transportation will be provided if you do not have your own. (only to the CTE Center, not to sites such as elementary schools, hospitals, etc)
- The CTE Center is located near the college on Wade Blvd.
- These classes are in **bold** on your card.

# Double Blocked Classes



- Several classes at the CTE center are double blocked. These courses are **highlighted (shaded gray)** on the back of your card.
- If you sign up for one of these classes, you must write it in **2 boxes** on your card.

# Special CTE Programs- Applications Required



- **Marketing Dynamics (Co-Op)** is a course that gives you credit for having a job. If you are employed, or will be in the fall, you **might qualify** for Co-Op. Your job can be in one of the following areas:
  - \*Foods (fast food, restaurant, hostess)
  - \*Childcare (daycare center)
  - \*Retail jobs (Old Navy, Barnes & Nobles, etc)
  - \*Office Work

You must work 15-25 hours a week with 10 of them M-F and complete the online CTE application. You earn 3 credits for this class.

You must be able to provide your own transportation for this class.

**March 7th is the deadline to apply on line.**

# Special Programs, Cont..



- **Practicum in Educational Practice** allows you to work in a school setting. In this program, you plan and teach lessons at your assigned school, much like a student teacher. It requires the CTE application.
- **Child Guidance** allows students a chance to work with infants and toddlers at the district run day care center. It requires the CTE application.
- **Health Science Program** is designed for students interested in the nursing or medical field. Year one is classroom based, year two is hospital/site based, and year three is pharmacy based. Years two and three require an application. Pharmacology also requires an application. Ask your health science teacher.
- **Practicum in Vet Medical Applications** is designed for students interested in being a vet or vet tech.

**March 7th is the deadline to apply!**

- Many of these require that you have your own transportation

# Other Special Programs Needing Applications.



- **Trainer/Sports Medicine (pick up in guidance office)**
- **ISM (pick up in guidance office)**
- **Yearbook (See Ms. Marsh in E103)**
- **TV broadcast year 2 and 3 (see Mr. Bernet in W107)**
- **Partners PE (pick up in guidance office)**
- **Student Council (see Ms. Stanwick in C107)**

# Courses needing teacher recommendation. Sign up, but teacher must approve you



- Art III and IV
- AP Studio Art
- Theater III-IV
- Tech Theater II-IV
- Theater Productions (audition)
- Academic Decathlon

# Information you need to get online..



- Course guide
- CTE information and application
- <http://www.friscoisd.org/schools/friscohigh>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5oS5dtwMtk>

# AP VS. College (Dual Credit) Classes-

## What is the difference??



- College classes cost money; AP is free. The AP exams do cost money, but you may get reimbursed for some of the cost.
- College classes are taught by college professors; AP by high school staff.
- College classes differ by professor (some harder than others); AP classes have standardized curriculum.
- College classes give you college credit if you pass; AP might give you college credit if you pass the AP exam.
- College class grades go with you to college and are on your official college transcript/GPA.

# AP Program or College (Dual Credit) Classes?



- Highly selective schools expect to see AP course work on your schedule if you hope to gain admission to these top universities.
- Students currently in AP English need to continue in AP English senior year. Moving to college English will **DUPLICATE** your credit if you pass the exam this spring.
- Private universities prefer AP over Dual Credit.
- Public universities do not have a preference and value both programs.
- AP receives more weight in GPA than dual credit.

# College Classes



- English, Government, Economics, and College Algebra are offered as dual credit. This means you take them at Collin College, and we give you HS credit here.
- There are some select technical classes available as college credit through the CTE center: Engineering, Electronics and CCNA.
- You must take TSI or be exempt from the requirement. More info from your counselor. Must apply on ApplyTexas before you can test. Plan accordingly.
- You need a B or higher in all your current classes here at FHS to take college classes.
- You must pay all tuition, fees, and books at CC.
- You must have your own transportation to CC.
- English, Government, and Economics are required to graduate.  
**If you fail these at the college; you do not graduate from high school!**

# College Class, cont..



- There are 3 choices of class times.
  - 7:00-8:15 AM at CC
  - 7:50 AM-8:40 AM (MWF) @FHS
  - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM (TR) @ FHS
- before school, no impact to your schedule.
- 1:00-2:15** -Suggested if you have early release, as it is difficult to get back to FHS in time to take a last period class (athletics is allowed.) You leave campus at 12:15 and have off campus lunch.
- 3:00-4:15** -You leave after 3<sup>rd</sup> hour and go to the college for 4<sup>th</sup> hour.

You will get more information in your meeting with your counselor.

# Early Release



- Early Release is not looked upon favorably by competitive colleges.
- You earn no rank points and no credit for ER.
- Just write ER on your card if you want this option.
- If you want ER every day, write ER in 2 boxes. If you want ER every other day, write ER in 1 box.
- You must leave the building immediately if you are taking an early release. This means you need a car or a ride home!!

# Aide Positions



- Office Aide and Library Aide positions are limited. You must be approved by your assistant principal for this.
- Aide positions earn no rank points or credit and are not considered favorably by colleges.

# The Four Core



- You all need to sign up for:
  - English
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Math
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Science
  - Gov & Econ

# Changes to Science Classes



- **PAP Physics-** will no longer be offered
- **AP Physics B-** will no longer be offered
  
- **New Additions:**
  - **AP Physics 1-** new offering
  - **AP Physics 2-** new offering
  - **AP Physics C-** will continue to be offered

# More on Science Changes.....



- AP Physics 1 is basically the equivalent of PAP Physics. If you are in PAP Chem now, you should most likely go into AP Physics 1.
- If you are currently in PAP Physics- you would go to either AP Physics 2 or AP Physics C
- If you are currently in regular Chemistry, you will opt for regular Physics or AP Physics 1.
- Do not be intimidated by the “AP” in AP Physics 1.
- They are basically spreading the curriculum of AP Physics B into two years, so you will have more time to learn the material. You can do it!!!!

# Electives



- Your senior year choices should be courses that prepare you for freshman year in college or your career choice. This is what senior year is for! It is not to take it easy.
- Colleges carefully consider the classes you take senior year when deciding to admit you or not admit you to their school.
- You must take at least six classes.

# Back Up Electives



- You **MUST** write in 4 back up electives on your card. **Very frequently, counselors will need to use one or more back up classes. Senior schedules are hard to make!**
- Choose both one term and full year back ups. We need to have both options to pick from.
- **CHOOSE CAREFULLY!** You can't change these either.

# English Electives

- Creative Writing**—Creative? Like to Write? Interested in playing with words? Creative Writing will: help you think outside the box, help you see common things differently, help you write with confidence, help you turn the abstract into the concrete. What will we write? Poems, short stories, movie/book reviews, and much more!
- Debate**—It's not just about the argument; it's about team work, competition, and learning new speaking skills. If you would like to become a better speaker while gaining valuable competition experience, check out Debate.
- Photojournalism**— The course allows students to learn how to properly operate a DSLR camera, and it allows students to master technical aspects of the camera. Students will learn and apply visual composition principles to all assignments. Additionally, students will learn basic photographic editing skills on the computer, and use PhotoShop and InDesign to create new products. There is a lab fee for this course.
- Yearbook** —Students will participate in a project-based learning activity of working on the school's current yearbook. Emphasis is placed on reporting and writing accuracy, photography, budgeting, advertising sales, yearbook sales, and page layout. Students are expected to meet publisher deadlines. Teacher approval and the prerequisite course of either Photojournalism or Journalism I is required. Additionally, students must apply for yearbook staff. This course counts as a technology credit.
- Journalism I** - Students will be introduced to a survey of all areas of journalism. Emphasis will be on active reporting, writing, and Associated Press Style. Various writing styles will be discussed including feature, news, and editorial writing as well as advertising copy. Students also contribute to the Raccoon Rambler, FHS' Weekly Newsletter. Students will also learn computerized layout and design.
- TV Broadcast**— In TV Broadcast students will learn to produce video segments for the FHS program, RACC-TV. Students will learn how to operate video cameras, write scripts, record audio, and edit using the latest equipment and professional software. Broadcast students must be creative, dependable, and willing to work until the job is done.

# PSAT TEAM CLASS/PSAT CLASS



## PSAT TEAM CLASS

- Meets as a class for intense PSAT instruction
- 3-day team workshop in the summer
  - ✦ Attendance highly encouraged
  - ✦ Team building
  - ✦ Practice test
- Requirement: Score of 160 or above on 2012 PSAT
- Will be receiving invitation

## PSAT CLASS

- Open enrollment
- PSAT Instruction
- SAT Prep following the PSAT in October

\* Both the PSAT Team Class and PSAT Class count as local elective credit and do not count toward GPA.

# ELECTIVES



- You **WILL NOT** be allowed to make any elective changes, **including alternates**, once you come back to school. Please choose carefully!!!
- We hire staff based on the electives you choose now, and order textbooks based on what you choose now. **May 9th**, our final verification date, is the last possible date to change an elective class.

# Reminder about PAP and AP



- All students who sign up for PAP or AP courses **must stay for the entire first 6 weeks grading period** before a drop to regular will be considered.
- **NO DROPS** will be allowed until first 6 weeks ends, and a meeting will be held with your teacher, your parent, and you if you do decide you want to drop.
- The grade earned first 6 weeks goes with you to the new class should you drop.

# Approved Changes



- The first two weeks of each semester, the **only** changes allowed are program changes.
- Approved changes include the following:
  - Athletic changes
  - Program changes (band, color guard, dance team, etc)
  - All these changes must be completed by the second Friday of the new semester.

# Course Load



- **Seniors must sign up for three classes each day. This means you must have SIX classes on your schedule. FIVE of the classes must earn state credit.**

# Deadline!



- All schedule cards are due in the counseling center on February 4<sup>th</sup>. (We will meet with you one-on-one Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>)
- You may wish to make a copy of your card prior to turning it in.