Scheduling Process

We are quickly approaching scheduling for our rising 9th-12th graders. Picking the correct classes can sometimes be daunting. Below are some resources to help you get started. Please note the important dates listed and if you have any questions, contact the school counseling office at 558-4509.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Jan. 10-14 Middle School Visits by counselors & Scheduling Sheets go home (Rising 9th Graders)
- Jan. 16 Rising Freshman Night
- Jan. 27-30 Elective Videos on GNews
- Jan. 31 Scheduling Videos on GNews
- Jan. 31 Scheduling Sheets go home (Rising 10th-12th)
- Feb. 6 Open House/Elective Walk
- Feb. 5-26 Scheduling (Rising 10th-12th)
- Feb. 28 Students receive schedule verifications to take home
- Mar. 4 All schedule changes due back to the School Counseling Office

Below is the link from Chesapeake Public Schools to the high school catalog. Use this link to see descriptions of classes in which you might be interested.


**BLOCK SCHEDULING:** High schools use the 4 x 4 semester plan. In the 4 x 4 semester plan, the school day is divided into four instructional blocks approximately 90 minutes each and the school year is divided into two semesters. During the first semester, most students are enrolled in four courses that meet daily. At the end of the first term, students receive one credit for each course successfully completed and enroll in four additional courses for the second semester. In this scheduling arrangement, it is possible to earn thirty-two credits in four years without attending summer school. Freshman, sophomores, and juniors must take four courses/credits each semester. With the approval of the principal, seniors may have the option of taking three courses per semester. However, most colleges want a vigorous course of study; therefore, seniors are encouraged to continue taking four courses each semester. No student should be allowed to enroll in more than eight credit-bearing courses during the school year. Exceptions should only be considered for seniors who may need additional credits in order to meet graduation requirements. We also offer a variety of online classes available to freshmen through seniors.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSE OPPORTUNITIES:** Advanced Placement (AP) is a College Board program that offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while they are enrolled in high school. Their pace is more rapid than accelerated or honors courses, and they cover material in much greater depth. Students have the opportunity to learn a subject in greater depth, develop analytical reasoning skills, and develop study skills necessary for success at the college level. All high schools in Chesapeake City Public Schools participate in the Advanced Placement Program. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist their child with AP course selections. Students and parents may contact the school counseling office of the respective high school to obtain additional information and a list of the AP courses offered. AP teachers are also available to answer course content and requirement questions. In addition, the College Board publishes a booklet Advanced Placement Course Descriptions for each course. This booklet describes the content of the AP course and provides sample examination questions. Additional information is available at www.collegeboard.com. Students may gain advanced standing and/or earn college credit through their performance on the Advanced Placement examinations that are given each year in May. If the score received on the AP exam is high enough, the student may receive college credit in that discipline, depending on the requirement of the college or university. However,
most students who take AP courses do so to better prepare themselves for college. All AP examinations (except Studio Art) contain both multiple choice and free response questions that require essay writing, problem solving, and other skills. Grassfield High School offers:

AP English Language and Composition
AP US History
AP English Literature and Composition
AP World History
AP World Languages
AP Statistics
AP Art History
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Art Studio/Drawing
AP Music Theory
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP European History
AP Physics 1 and 2
AP Physics C
AP Human Geography
AP Computer Science
AP US Government and Politics
AP Psychology

**DUAL ENROLLMENT:** Grassfield currently offers four dual enrollment classes (College Composition I & II, US History I & II, Western Civilization I & II, and Teacher’s for Tomorrow I & II).

Steps & Deadlines for Dual Enrollment Admission

1. Student completes the online TCC Admissions Application by February 29, 2020
2. Student completes Dual Enrollment Placement Requirements by March 31, 2020
   (VPT Testing to be offered at Grassfield High School March 12 & 30)
3. Student completes the Dual Enrollment Application & submits to HS Guidance Office by April 30, 2020

*NOTE: Students enrolling in a dual enrollment course must meet all course pre-requisites*.

Virginia Placement Test (VPT): [http://www.tcc.edu/admission/placement-testing](http://www.tcc.edu/admission/placement-testing)

If you are interested in signing up for dual enrollment classes with TCC, please visit the below link for more information.