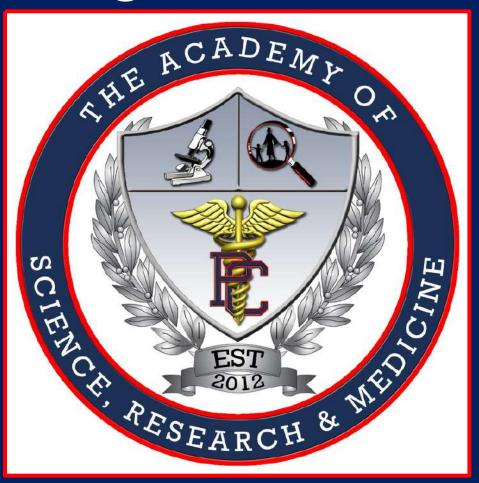
Welcome Parents and Students! Congratulations!



April 30, 2020

WELCOME!!!!

- ❖ In the following slides, we wanted to give you a little information about the courses you will be taking your 9th grade year and how they may differ from what you are used to.
- ❖ Courses are schedule on a 4X4 block. This means you will have 4 course during the 1st semester and 4 courses during the 2nd semester.
- ❖ Health and PE are paired together with each lasting one 9 weeks each.

9th Grade Academy Courses

9th Grade Course Sequence

- Honors Algebra or Honors Geometry
- ☐ Honors 9th Lit or Honors 10th Lit
- ☐ AP Biology
- ☐ AP Human Geography
- ☐ Introduction to Healthcare Sciences
- □ Spanish I or II
- ☐ PE/ Health or JROTC
- ☐ Elective

What is an Honors Course?

- ❖ Honors courses are taught utilizing the same Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) as general education courses, plus additional enrichment activities to increase the rigor of the standard course content.
- Purpose of an Honors Course:
 - to promote excellence in education
 - to challenge students in a more rigorous setting
 - to engage students in higher-level content
 - to develop critical thinkers
 - to prepare students for a successful transition to college and/or post-secondary endeavors

What is an AP Course?

- Advance Placement is a college course program developed by the College Board.
- ❖ The College Board...
 - Is the organization that was developed to expand access to higher education
 - Is a membership made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions
 - Is dedicated to promoting excellence in education
 - Helps more than 7 million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs services in college readiness and college success – include the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program ®
 - For further info www.collegeboard.org

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- Advance Placement is a college course program developed by the College Board.
- ❖ AP courses better prepare students for postsecondary endeavors.
- *AP courses have potential future financial benefit!
 - The PCHS Academy of Science, Research, & Medicine has 12 potential AP courses offered
 - If a student passes 10 AP exams, they will essentially be able to bypass 1 year of college courses, saving anywhere from \$5000-\$30,000+

Supplies and Schedules

- *Teachers will provide a supply list at the beginning of the school year.
- Students will also receive a syllabus for each course they are taking.
- ❖ For the first day of school, students will need the typical supplies of paper, pencil, and notebooks.
- Schedules will be provided to students at Open House. If for some reason Open House does not happen, we will provide more information regarding this as needed.

Meet the 9th Grade Magnet Faculty

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Please feel free to email any of us with your questions.

Have a GREAT Summer

WE WANT YOU TO REST AND ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

