

Welcome Parents and Students!  
Congratulations!



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# WELCOME!!!!

- ❖ In the following slides, we wanted to give you a little information about the courses you will be taking your 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 4 courses during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- ❖ Health and PE are paired together with each lasting one 9 weeks each.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Courses

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Sequence

- Honors Algebra *or* Honors Geometry
- Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Lit *or* Honors 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 post-secondary 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 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Magnet Faculty

English – Soraiya Ali - [sali@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:sali@paulding.k12.ga.us)

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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!

