



Allendale Public Schools
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February 10, 2021

Dear AHS students and families,

I hope you are warm and safe during these snowy February days. If you can, please take some time to get outside and enjoy some of the snow with your loved ones--and be safe if you are on the roads!

Although we are just starting the month of February, scheduling classes for next school year is right round the corner. In order to be sure that we are adequately preparing our students and their families for scheduling high school classes within the new semester schedule for next school year, I included a timeline with descriptions of how we will inform and support them as they select their classes. Please take some time to discuss next year's course selections with your child.

Our high school teachers and department chairs spent time working on our high school's course descriptions*. Their attention to detail and hard work allowed us to revise and update our entire course description list. Our students will be able to reference the updated course descriptions when scheduling for next year's classes. **The updated course description list can be found on our [district website](#).*

Timeline for student scheduling will begin this month

1. **February 10-19:** Our student news network, Falcon News Network (FNN), will air several course description videos from **Feb. 10-24**. Our FNN students spent a few weeks recording and editing video clips airing our students and teachers highlighting certain aspects of many courses we offer. We will share these [videos](#) with our students through school gmail, [FNN's Youtube page](#), the [APS website](#), and on a projector screen during some lunches in the cafeteria. *The updated high school course descriptions can be found [here](#).*
2. **February 15:** Infinite Campus scheduling will open on **Feb. 15** for students to select their courses for next school year. We will share documents with our students that explain how to select their classes in Infinite Campus.
3. **February 16:** We will meet with our 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in the *CFAC on **Feb. 16** (half day). During these meetings, our school counselors will discuss several important steps and helpful tips our students can use when scheduling their classes. This will most likely occur during periods 3-5. We will send out a final confirmation email to our students when we get closer to the date. The open scheduling window for students will close on **Feb. 24**. Students will be notified that they must complete their



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schedules by **Feb. 24**. **Students and staff will wear masks and will be socially distanced in the CFAC.*

4. **February 17:** We will share our 8th grade parent night Zoom recording on **Feb. 17**. We decided to use a Zoom recording for our 8th grade parent night this year to make the meeting more accessible for our 8th grade students and parents. The recording will be shared via APS gmail and will be uploaded on our APS website.
5. **February 18:** Our high school counselors will visit Allendale Middle School to present high school course scheduling with our 8th grade students. Our counselors will also hold a Q&A Zoom session from 6:30 - 7:00 PM during P/T conference time on **Feb. 18**. We will be available to answer questions from any 8th grade student/parent that cannot make the Q&A live Zoom session. We will share the link for the Q&A Zoom session on Feb. 17.
6. **February 24:** We will hold a Meeting Period day on **Feb. 24**. During that time, teachers will have their 4th period students check their schedules in Infinite Campus to make sure that they completed all scheduling requirements.

Special note: Our current remote and virtual learning students will receive detailed scheduling instructions via school gmail. Current remote and virtual learning students will have access to all of the online scheduling resources needed to complete their registration process from home.

We are looking forward to helping our students and their families complete their course selections in a smooth and timely manner. Please take a moment to preview the courses with your child. Having discussions with our children about what courses interest them will help our students better prepare for next school year. We will approach this scheduling event--and all events--with a 'student first' mindset. As we begin our preparations for the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue supporting our students with the tools and resources needed to achieve success in all areas of their school life.

Sincerely,

Troy VanderLaan
Principal