8th Grade Parent Orientation

Objectives for Tonight

- To provide an overview of DFHS:
    - High School Graduation Requirements
    - The DFHS Academic Program
    - The IB Program
    - Co-Curricular Programs

- To discuss the transition to DFHS:
    - Course Registration
    - Future Orientations
    - Developing a plan

DFHS Key People

- Dr. John Falino, Principal (ext. 3048)

- Candace Reim, Assistant Principal (ext. 3057)

- Scott Patrillo, Dean of Students (ext. 3027)

- Marion Halberg, IB DP Coordinator

- Jen Hickey, IB MYP Coordinator

- Jean Gismervik, Director of Special Ed. (ext. 3072)

- Andrew Klaich, Director of Athletics (ext. 3109)

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High School Graduation Requirements

Important Documents!

What?

- DFHS Course of Study Guide 2020-21
- IB Diploma Program Handbook

Where?

- High School Website

NYS Graduation Requirements

One credit = a full year course that meets daily

½ credit = a full year course that meets every other day or every day for one semester

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 2 credits of Physical Education (½ credit each year of high school)
- 3 credits of Math
- 3 credits of Science
- 1 credit of LOTE
- ½ credit of Health
- 1 credit of Art or Music
- 3 ½ elective credits

- **22 total credits needed**

What Dobbs Ferry High School Recommends

4 years of the following subjects:

English

Social Studies

Math

Science

LOTE

(In addition to NYS requirements of PE, Art/Music, Health and Elective Courses)

Required Testing

NYS Regents Exams Recommended for Graduation

- 1 Math (Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2)
- 1 Science (Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry or Physics)
- Global Studies
- US History
- ELA

Required Exams for an Advanced Regents Diploma

- 3 Math
- 2 Science
- Global Studies
- US History
- ELA
- FLACS

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DFHS Academic Program

Course of Study: Grade 9 to Grade 11

Math

- ✗ Geometry Regents (IB Math Analysis or IB Math Applications)
- ✗ Geometry Honors (IB Math Analysis HL)
- ✗ Algebra I (IB Applications)

History

- ✗ Global Studies 9 (U.S. History 11)
- ✗ Global Studies 9 Honors (IB History HL)

English

- ✗ English 9 (IB English SL)
- ✗ English 9 Honors (IB English HL)

Course of Study: Grade 9 to Grade 11

Science

- Living Environment (Regents) (Chemistry 11)
- Living Environment (Honors) (IB Chemistry SL)
- Advanced Science Skills (all students in LE 9H)

Language

- Spanish, French, Italian (Level 2) (IB Language B SL)

Electives

- Choose 2-3

Guidelines for Honors

General guidelines include:

- Exceptional academic performance
- Exceptional reading/writing (social studies) and/or mathematical skills (math)
- Teacher recommendation

Academic Programs & Electives

- IB Program (p. 9)
  - ✗ IB Middle Years Program (MYP) (Grades 6-10)
  - ✗ IB MYP Personal Project
  - ✗ IB Diploma Program begins in Grade 11 (read IB Handbook!)
  - ✗ "IB for All"
  - ✗ Expanded offerings (3 IB Sciences, HL Music, HL Math, IB English SL, IB Spanish Ab Initio)
  - ✗ Honors courses in grades 9 & 10

- Science Research (p. 28)
  - ✗ 3-year Program
  - ✗ Begins in grade 10
  - ✗ Complements the IB DP

Academic Programs & Electives

- Additional Electives Include:

  - ✸ Leadership and Service (*New!)

  - ✸ Professional and Career Studies (*New!)

  - ✸ Creative Writing (*New!)

  - ✸ Film Studies (*New!)

  - ✸ Advanced Science Skills

  - ✸ HS Yearbook

  - ✸ AP Computer Science Principles

Academic Programs & Electives

- Additional Electives Include:

  - Financial Literacy

  - IB Research (Personal Project) (*Grade 10)

  - Modern Music and Culture: From Rock to Hip Hop

  - Business for the 21st Century

  - Science Research (grades 10-12)

  - IB Approaches to Learning (Advisory)

  - AIS English & Math Labs

Electives & Co-Curricular Clubs

- 15 courses in Art/Music (p. 34)
  - Musical Theater
  - Performance
  - Digital Design, IB Film, IB Art, IB Music

- Over 25 Clubs (See Website or Facebook Page)
  - Peer Tutoring
  - Activities Branch
  - Legislative Branch

- Athletics

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Course Selection & Transition

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Grade 9 Experiences

- 9th Grade Teacher Team
    - Plan interdisciplinary IB MYP learning experiences
    - Student support
    - Parent meetings

- Academic Study or Advisory (Approaches to Learning)

- MAC Day and school spirit!

Grade 9 Experiences

- Service Learning Opportunities

- Social and Emotional Learning

- Open Campus

- Co-Curricular Clubs

DFHS Key People

School Counselors

- Michelle Propersi (ext. 3018)

- William Palmer (ext. 3012)

- Cristin Silk (ext. 3019)

- Denise Helgesen (Secretary)(ext. 3042)

Course Selection Process

- Ms. Hacker, and a high school counselor will visit all Science classes this week:
  - Students will receive a student portal account and will login via Eschool.
  - While the counselors are in the class they will assist the students with choosing their electives.
  - Students will be able to see the teacher recommendations for their core course.
  - Parents will be able to view course choices on the parent portal following the counselor visit.
  - The portal will open tomorrow (2/25) and will close on March 16th.

  Resources:
  - Contact Ms. Hacker at ext. 3017 with questions
  - HS Course of Study Guide on DFHS Website
  - IB Handbook on DFHS Website

Transition Process

- Course Selection Day:
  - Portal closes on March 16th

- Transition Day – May
  - Facilitated by the HS Counselors, HS teachers and DFHS students

- High School Orientation: August 31st

- Student Orientation: September 1st

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DFHS Communication

Ongoing Communication

- High School Facebook Page

- Principal's Blog (johnfalino.com)

- Grade-level and school-wide emails

- Individual teacher email and phone calls

- Parent & Student Portal

- Twitter (johnfalino1 & careim2)

Quick response!