Welcome to the 8th Grade Parent Meeting

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Trimester Schedule

• 3 Trimesters/12 weeks
• 5 Classes per day/72 minutes
• 7:40 – 2:35
  1\textsuperscript{st} lunch: 10:11-10:41
  2\textsuperscript{nd} lunch: 11:29-11:59
• 15 Classes per year
Class of 2023 Requirements

- English: 4.0
- Math: 4.0
- Science: 3.0
- Social Studies: 3.0
- Test Prep: 0.5
- Fitness/Health: 1.0
- Fine Arts: 1.0
- Foreign Language: 2.0
- Electives: 9.0

Total Number of Credits: 27.5

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Completing the Four Year Plan

• Used as educational/career planning guide
• Lists required and elective classes
• Used as an opportunity to plan next four years
• Updated yearly
Introducing the IB Diploma Program at Spring Lake High School

• An academically challenging program in which students study six subjects over two years (Junior/Senior Year)
• Includes an extended essay, theory of knowledge course, and extra-curricular requirements (CAS)
• Recognized by colleges and universities around the world as a superior education, preparing students to succeed at post-secondary institutions.
Transcript Information

- History of student’s academic performance
- Course names
- Grades and credits earned
- Test scores
- GPA
- Class Rank
Report Card/Progress Report

• Report cards emailed at the end of every trimester
• Receive updates via email once a week
• Log onto system anytime to check grades
• Go to website to sign up to receive correspondence via email
Schoology

Schoology is a Learning Management System for teachers to use when planning courses, engaging students, and assigning work.

Schoology provides students with resources to connect with teachers from home.
College Admissions

- **Transcript Information**
  GPA, class rank, course selection, trends

- **High School Testing**
  ACT & SAT

- **Extracurricular Activities**
  Community service, theater, student council, athletics, etc.

- **Recommendations**
  Counselors, teachers, clergy, supervisors
Extra Curricular Activities

- Encourage students to participate
- Provide variety of experiences
- Impact college/work application process
- Student contact advisor for more information
Early College

- Eligibility Criteria (must meet one of the three):
  1. Low income (free/reduced lunch)
  2. First generation college student (parents did not earn a college degree)
  3. Minority student
- Earn two years worth of college credits at no cost
- High school and college courses are blended
- Courses are taken during the junior, senior and “13th” year
- The “13th” year consists of mainly college courses
- Students will walk with their class
- Eligible to participate in athletics through grade 12
Careerline Tech Center

- 28 programs offered
  http://www.oaisd.org/ctc/
- Junior and/or senior Year
- College credit opportunities available
- Open house in fall and winter

"Careerline Tech Center prepares students for tomorrow's workforce by providing career and technical education for employment and post-secondary opportunities while promoting life-long learning and personal success."
College Credit Opportunities

As mentioned….

- IB Courses
- Careerline Tech Center
- Early College

College Credit can also be earned through…

- Advanced Placement ("AP") Courses
- Dual Enrollment - College course(s) part of HS schedule
  Set dollar amount allotted toward tuition/books
  Typically for the junior/senior year
- See high school website for program details
Enrollment Information
(for students that did not attend Spring Lake Middle School)

**Spring Lake Residents**
Email Penny Zacek for the enrollment link. Follow instructions on yellow form (given at end of meeting). Can complete enrollment at anytime.

**Non-Residents**
Complete the non-resident application online on the district’s website [https://www.springlakeschools.org/](https://www.springlakeschools.org/)

The enrollment window is May 6 – May 31. Follow instructions on yellow form (given at end of meeting).
Upcoming Dates

• **Feb 18th** - Mass Meeting with 8th Graders at Middle School

• **Feb 21st** - In 8th grade classrooms assisting students with entering course selections

• **August 2019** - Smart Start