

# Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting



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Presented by Spring Lake High  
School Counseling Department

# Spring Lake High School

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# Trimester Schedule

- 3 Trimesters/12 weeks
- 5 Classes per day/72 minutes
- 7:40 – 2:35
- Tuesdays/Thursdays 40 minute seminar
  - between 2nd and 3rd hour
- 15 Classes per year

# Class of 2028 Requirements

- English 4.0
- Math 4.0
- Science 3.0
- Social Studies 3.0
- Personal Finance .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

# Join Choir!

Singers: 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade

Bella Voce: 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade

Feb. 2025 - Disney  
World



Email Mr. Polet with any questions

# Transcript Information

- History of student's academic performance
- Course names
- Grades and credits earned
- Test scores
- GPA - weighted GPA (AP Courses)
- Class Rank

# Report Card/Progress Report

- Sample Schedule
- Report cards (transcripts) 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.

**Schoology** is used to publish important announcements and to send individual messages to students

**Encourage students to access/check messages every day**

# Which Path Is Right For Your Student



- 2 year college
- 4 year college
- Trade school
- Military
- Workforce

# 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

- **Essays**



# 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 “13<sup>th</sup>” year
- The “13<sup>th</sup>” 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....

- 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.  
pzacek@springlakeschools.org

## **Non-Residents**

Complete the non-resident application online on the district's website <https://www.springlakeschools.org/>

The enrollment window is May 8th – May 29th  
Notified by June 7th



# Upcoming Dates



- **Feb 26th** - Mass Meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Middle School
- **Feb 29th** - In 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms assisting students with entering course selections or drop at high school counseling office
- **August 2024**- Smart Start