Freshman & Sophomore Parent Meeting
Blair Magnet Program

January 8, 2015
Welcome
Semester Exams
Registration for next year
Standardized Testing
Summer Activities
Wallops Island (Grade 10)
Semester Exams

- **Review Days – January 9 (all period day)**

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- **Make-up Exams – January 16**

- **During exams, if School is...**
  - Closed – exams will continue in order on first day back
  - Delayed – first exam 9:25 – 11:35, second exam 12:00 – 2:10

- Regular Schedule for Transportation (3pm pickup)
What Do Counselors Do at Blair?

Counselors provide the following services to students to ensure student success in school:

- Academic counseling
- Class registration and scheduling
- Help for students in crisis
- Study skills help
- College and career advising
- Classroom guidance
- Parent-teacher conferences
- College recommendations for seniors
- Other individual supports as needed
Getting in Touch with the Counselor

- Students can contact counselors by:
  - Doing a drop-in visit during lunch and/or after school
  - Completing the green “Request to See the Counselor” form
  - Sending an email
  - Obtaining a teacher pass during class for emergencies
- Students are encouraged to see their counselors about any concerns so that we can build a good working relationship.
Registration for Sophomore Year

- Registration information in January and February.
- Counselors meet with individual students or in small groups.

The sophomore schedule includes:
- Honors English 10
- Honors or AP NSL Government
- Recommended math course (most Precal C and Analysis 1A)
- Computer Science
- Biology
- Earth Science (Fall)
- Principles of Engineering A (Spring)
- Appropriate foreign language course
- Elective course; typically, one semester of PE, Art, or Study Hall and a semester of health (unless completed in summer school)
Health Credit Options

- In school, during 10th grade
- In the summer before 10th grade
  - Online ($310 in 2014)
    - Registration starts March 11 at 9 am
    - Classes fill up quickly
    - Requires two face-to-face meetings during three-week course
  - Traditional Summer School ($300 in 2014)
    - Registration expected to open in April
    - Three-week course at regional site
The junior schedule includes:

- AP English Language and Composition / Honors English 11
- Honors or AP Modern World History
- Recommended math course
- Principles of Engineering B (Fall)
- Senior Research Project A (Spring)
- Applied Statistics (required for the SRP class)
- Magnet Elective Courses (4.5 credits in junior/senior year)
- Other elective courses including AP courses
- One light elective

Watch work load
Plan out junior/senior year
Registration: Things to Remember

- Careful selection of courses as well as flexibility are important
  - Check pre-requisites for courses desired
  - Balance schedule
- Student course selections determine staffing
- Make careful choices in course requests during the registration period. Until the deadline, students can request changes in their course requests.
Both the SAT and ACT are accepted by colleges

- SAT currently has sections in Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. REDESIGN Spring 2016. Tests reasoning and verbal abilities.
- ACT has sections in English, Math, Reading, and Science. Also offers a Writing section. Measures what a student has learned in school.

Most of our students take the SAT to start

- Test scores are just one aspect of the college admissions process.

SAT and ACT

- Test information distributed through counseling/career center
- January or March of junior year is good time for SAT/ACT
SAT Subject Tests

- Offered in English, History, Math, Science, and Languages.
- Many selective colleges require 2 subject tests but no more than 3 required.
- Math Level 2 Subject Test
  - After completing Magnet Functions or PreCalculus C
- Students typically take one or two other subject tests in junior year, usually in May or June
- Typically, a subject test in math and one of the sciences (Physics for engineering students), and at most one other subject area is sufficient.
  - A subject test in the student’s native language is not necessary.
Standardized Testing - AP

- 10th Grade Exams
  - AP NSL – 95%
  - AP Computer Science (After ADS A/B) – 96%

- 11th Grade
  - AP Calculus (After Magnet Analysis) – 88%
  - AP Statistics (After Applied Statistics) – 76%
  - AP Modern World History – 91%
  - AP English Language and Composition – 93%
  - Science (Bio – 34%, Chem – 39%, or Phys – 15%)
  - World Language (17%)

- 12th Grade
  - Science, World Language, History, English options

Percent shown is percent of current seniors who took AP exam in grade 10/11
Extracurricular Activities

Activities should enhance student experience in school by:

- Allowing them to explore new interests
- Providing a way to meet new friends with similar interests
- Allowing them to shine in a different setting

Activities should not:

- Take away from school performance
- Take away from adequate sleep!
Thoughts on College

- Challenging classes
- Extra curricular activities
  - Students should pursue what they love
  - Students should be careful not to have activity overload
- Students can begin to reflect on what qualities and programs they might want in a college
  - Size
  - Location
  - Programs
Over the summer . . .

- Relax
- Take family trips
- Volunteer for student service learning hours
- Rejuvenate after a long school year
- Camps or learning experiences in areas of interest
- Exploration of new subject areas
- Work/Internships for rising juniors that do not overburden students
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