Class of 2024
Parents and Students
Welcome to Oak Park and River Forest High School
Welcome

- Laurie Fiorenza Ed.D. - Director of Student Learning
- Lynda Parker - Director of Student Services
- Other Staff Members to Know
  - PSS Teams
  - Division Heads
What You Received Tonight

- Guide for Parents of Incoming Freshmen
- Health Forms
- Mailing List Form
- 9th Grade Course Selection Form (Subject Code List)
- Academic Catalog
So You Are Coming To High School

Making a Smooth Transition

▪ Focus on your child’s wellness holistically

▪ Prepare for size of the school

▪ Familiarize yourself with resources available on campus
The Role of the Family

Focus on Social & Emotional Wellbeing

- Frequent check-ins with your child - Take a different approach
- Teach critical life skills - Reinforce positive strategies
- Seek referrals from school personnel
- Trust the process/partner with us
Successful Academic Transition

• Which composite of courses will achieve the correct balance between challenge & support for your child?

• These factors should be considered during selection of 9th grade courses:
  - motivation
  - passions/interests
  - academic habits
  - future plans
  - resilience
  - co-curricular plans
What do you know about your child?

- What is your child’s capacity to read independently without distraction?
- How much time does your child have for homework?
- How likely is your child to keep up with homework?
- What academic habits does your child have to organize and plan without too much prompting?
- How important are extra- and co-curricular activities to your child?
- How likely is your child to read for pleasure as a habit or hobby?
Basis for Course Options/Placement

• Data Considered
  – Fall MAP, where available
  – PSAT 8/9: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math Section Scores
  – World Language Test, if applicable
  – Current classes and 1st trimester grades when provided by middle schools
  – Responses to academic mindset survey
Course Options/Placement

• **Transition course(s)** students who demonstrate a need to strengthen skills in reading and/or math are placed in respective courses to accelerate development.

• **College Prep or Honors course(s)** are recommended to students who demonstrate that they are currently operating at or above grade level in reading and/or math.

*Placement in Math & World Languages is heavily dependent on prerequisite course completion*
Support at OPRF

All students can receive support!

• Tutoring Center: Students can receive help in subject-areas as well as Executive Functions from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm daily.

• PSS Teams: All students will be assigned to a PSS team consisting of a Counselor, Social Worker and Dean who can offer guidance and support for all things OPRF.
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Preparing for Course Selection Night

- Watch the mail for PSAT8/9 scores and course options/placement form
- Consider the appropriate courses for your child
- On January 21st - Bring with you: Options/Placement Form, Enrollment Guide, Academic Catalog, **completed** Course Request Sheet (blue sheet in folder).
Open House & Course Selection Night

January 21, 2020
at Oak Park & River Forest HS
Refer to the orange flyer for Counselor times

*Please come prepared to turn in your completed Course Selection Form with your Counselor.
Selecting Courses

- Students have an 8 period day including 1 lunch period; English and Math required for all

- Course Options/Placement document will guide you for proper core class choices

- All freshmen are given a study hall period; this can be replaced with music, acting, or a support course
OPRFHS District 200
Academic Catalog

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE WAYS OF HUSKIES

- District Policies and All Courses
- Credit checklist, Post-secondary planning
- On-line at http://www.oprfhs.org/academics
Every year, all students must enroll for the subsequent school year and verify residency. Further instructions will be mailed to you in April, 2020.
Required Medical Forms/Physical & Dental Examinations

▪ MEDICAL FORMS DUE ON OCTOBER 15, 2020 (June 30th for Fall Sports)

▪ DENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR 9th GRADE
  ▪ Submit proof of Dental Exam by May 15, 2020

▪ All forms available on OPRFHS website in “Health Services”
Summer School 2020
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- Summer School - June 8 - July 16
  Mondays - Thursdays
  (No classes on July 4th & 5th)

- Summer School 2020 catalog available at Open House and also online.
Copy of presentation & Google Form to request a course recommendation change will be available at….

www.oprfhs.org
Parents/Incoming Freshmen

Anyone absent can pick up their folder in Room 205
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Thank You For Attending!