

High School Registration

It's hard to believe that our grade nine students are nearing the end of their time in junior high. As we move into the second half of the school year, the process of planning for high school begins. For most students and parents, it is a process and transition that includes a mixture of both excitement and nervousness. Over the next three months, we will be spending time preparing students (and their families) for the process of grade ten registration as well as for the transition to high school in general.

All grade nine classrooms will be visited by representatives from Salisbury Composite and Bev Facey high schools during the month of March. High school counsellors will provide up-to-date information about core course streams, recommended prerequisite marks, options, schedules and general high school expectations. This will also provide an opportunity for students to ask any questions that they have about high school.

Over the month of February, core subject teachers will be making recommendations for appropriate course streams in each subject, and grade nine students will be bringing home a "Recommendations for High School Courses" sheet to be signed by parents. Teachers will be making their recommendations based on the following guidelines established by high schools to best set up students for success in grade ten:

Course Selection and Recommended Marks

	<u>Grade 9 Mark</u>	<u>Grade 10 Course</u>
English	80% +	English10-1 or preAP or IB
	60-65% or better	English 10-1
	Below 60-65%	English 10-2
	Teacher Recommendation and signed Parent Consent	English 10-4 (K&E)-no high school diploma
Social Studies	80% +	Social 10-1 or preAP or IB
	60-65% or Better	Social 10-1
	Below 60-65%	Social 10-2
	Teacher Recommendation and signed Parent Consent	Social 10-4 (K&E)-no high school diploma
Mathematics	80% +	Math 10C or preAP or IB
	60% or Better	Math 10C
	50-60%	Math 15/10C or Math10-3/10C (full-year course)
	Below 50%	Math 10-3

	Teacher Recommendation and signed Parent Consent	Math 10-4 (K&E)-no high school diploma
Science	80% +	Science 10 or preAP or IB
	60% or Better	Science 10
	Below 60%	Science 14
	Teacher Recommendation and signed Parent Consent	Science 10-4 (K&E)-no high school diploma

Bev Facey and Salisbury Composite High Schools both offer courses for honors students at the grade 10 level. Bev Facey offers pre-Academic Placement courses beginning in grade 10 and Academic Placement courses beginning in grades 11. Salisbury Composite offers pre-IB courses in grade 10 and International Baccalaureate courses beginning in grade 11.

High school open houses will take place on the following dates:

- March 16 at Salisbury Composite High School at 6:30
- March 17 at Bev Facey Community High School at TBD

Our grade nine health teachers will spend time discussing high school registration with their students. Students will complete their grade ten registration here at F.R.Haythorne during the latter part of April and students will need bring in a copy of their practice registration form signed by parent(s).

Spend some time at home as a family discussing the move to high school, goals for high school, and potential career directions. Meanwhile, you can expect a high school course recommendation form to be brought home to be signed sometime during the month of March; and a practice high school registration form to be brought home and signed early in April.

If you have **any** questions about high school or the process of registration, please feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail. Let's work together to make this transition as smooth as possible!

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