

Dear Pirate Families,

Welcome to 2019 which begins our scheduling season for 2019-2020. Our goal is to give students all the information they need to make informed decisions about their schedule for next year. Scheduling begins with counselors meeting with the class levels all month (details coming from the Counseling Office).

This year course selection is pertinent as our master schedule will be particularly tight next year and no course request changes will be made after May, 2019. Due to budget cuts we will not have flexibility with our master schedule and the May deadline will not change. **There will be no course changes in August.**

The Course Workshops (CW) for students is on January 17th and 18th. This is an excellent opportunity which allows students to attend five workshops to learn about any course they are interested in taking.

Attached is **the course workshop schedule** and the student schedule that needs to be completed by each student to use as their hall pass during the workshop sessions. Our hope is that you will review the schedules as a family and that each student will attend all five workshops. Finally, please see the attached altered bell schedule for the two days of workshops.

During the course workshop times **all seniors will be meeting with their class** regarding the end of senior year activities, cap and gown orders, and diploma information.

Parents and guardians will have the chance to learn about all of these courses and more at the **Drake OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, January 24** 6:30-8:00. Please come through the main gym to pick up a program of staff / activities / performance locations.

Open House will be followed by a **MINIMUM DAY** schedule on Friday, January 25.

Students will receive a hard-copy of the attached documents during advisory on Wednesday, January 16.

Thank you and Happy Scheduling Season 2019!

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