

## Attention Classical School 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents!

Welcome to the exciting process of high school selection and high school course scheduling. This is intended as an introductory guide to help you navigate the process. Parents and students working together are the best advocates for a successful high school experience. You will need to take the lead not only in selecting your student's high school, but also in helping determine the most appropriate freshman-level classes. Input from current Classical School teachers as well as AASD's 2019-2020 High School Course Description Guide (available on the AASD website in early December), will be helpful to you in the course selection process. PLEASE NOTE: Classical School's charter with AASD only allows students to select to attend either Appleton East, North, or West by completing the attached High School Selection Form. If you are considering one of the charter high schools for your soon-to-be freshman, please contact that charter school as soon as possible to be sure critical dates in their application process are not missed.

In December, Classical's School Counselor, Mrs. Salm, will provide a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document regarding course selection. Any information provided by the high schools will be passed along; however, it is ultimately up to you to pursue the answers you need. It is worth noting, that the high schools rely almost entirely on the students to handle situations and deliver information home. Students should understand this responsibility now by being involved in the high school selection and high school course scheduling process.

As time and schedules permit, a high school counselor from each of the three comprehensive AASD high schools (East, North, and West) may be scheduled to meet with Classical School 8<sup>th</sup> graders during resource period to provide basic freshman course scheduling information. When they are available from the high schools, students will receive a course scheduling worksheet to assist in the process of selecting courses. We expect these completed worksheets to be due in early January and will keep you updated as we receive more information.

### Important Dates to Remember:

**December 3, 2018:** Freshman Focus Night at Kaleidoscope Academy, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. An optional night of information to help prepare you and your student for life in high school. Representatives from several high schools will be available to answer questions. See the attached flier for more details.

**(continued on back)**

**December 7, 2018:** High School Selection Forms (attached) are due to 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teachers or the school office. Links to all district comprehensive and charter high school websites can be found on AASD's website: [http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/our\\_schools](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/our_schools). Please contact the high schools if you are undecided on which high school is the best fit for your student.

**January 7, 2019: Scheduling Information Nights at the AASD High Schools** for incoming freshmen and their parents to get answers to their course scheduling questions:

- Appleton North High School will hold its *Explore Scheduling Night* from 5:45 - 7:30 pm.
- Appleton East High School will hold its *Scheduling Showcase* from 6:00 – 7:45 pm
- Appleton West High School will holds its *Night of Knowledge* from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Additional information regarding potential counselor visits, Scheduling Information Nights at the Appleton comprehensive high schools, and the availability/location of the 2019-2020 High School Course Description Guide on the AASD website will be communicated via notes in the Pegasus Fliers and/or via email to parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in high school shadowing opportunities, we may be able to put you in touch with a Classical School alumni willing to escort your 8<sup>th</sup> grader for a day or part of a day. Please contact Mrs. Salm at [salmnicole@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:salmnicole@asd.k12.wi.us) with any questions.