



# DSA Counseling Newsletter

## January 2017

### DATES TO REMEMBER

## 2017-2018 Choice of Studies

During the spring of 2017, all returning DSA high school students will select their classes for the 2017-2018 school year. The timeline will be as follows:

### **January 18th**

All DSA students (not parents) will have their Infinite Campus password reset to prepare for the 17/18 Choice of Studies. The new login will be  
username: six digit ID number  
password: eight digit birthday

### **January 19th**

Counseling staff will meet with each grade level in the Concert Hall. At this time, students will be shown how to log into student portal and select their 2017-2018 class choices. All students will receive a hard copy of the directions as well as their Choice of Studies Sheet. It is important to know that these are only choices. If the classes do not fill, they will not be offered. The counselors will be looking at each student's schedule making sure they are in the appropriate classes.

### **January 19 – February 10 (at noon)**

From January 19 – February 10 at noon, Infinite Campus will be available for both parents and students to log in and select classes. Selections can be changed at any point during this 3 week window. If a family does not have internet access at home, please come use the Counseling Office computers.

### **January 9th**

First day back from break

### **January 11th**

Intervention Conferences

### **January 12th**

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### **January 16th**

No School

### **January 17th**

PTSO Community Meeting

### **January 19th**

Choice of Studies Meetings

### **February 3rd**

No School

### **February 10th**

Online choice of studies closes at noon

### **February 20th**

No School – Presidents Day

### **February 21st**

PTSO Community Meeting

Choice of Studies – What happens next?

February-April

During these months:

- \* the master schedule will be built
- \* we will accept our incoming high school students and get their course requests
- \* counselors will build schedules for those students who did not make their class choices online
- \* the counselors will hand touch all schedules for correct class placement

May 1, 2017

Each class will meet in the Concert Hall. All students will receive a hard copy of their 2017-2018 schedule along with directions. Since 17/18 Infinite Campus is not available for parents or students to view at home until July 2017, this hard copy is the only way to view a student's 17/18 schedule.

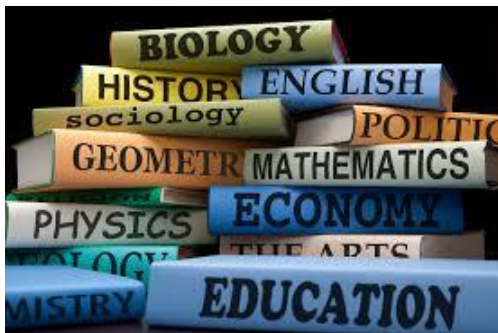
May 1, 2017 – May 26, 2017 at noon

Students may go to the Counseling Office to sign up to see their counselor. They may not wait for a counselor. They must sign up and go back to class. Counselors will pull the students out of class in the order they signed up. Students may speak with their counselor about possible class changes. All students must make sure to leave the office with the dated and timestamped new schedule. Make sure to keep this schedule for your records.

*All schedule changes for the 2017-2018 school year must be made by noon on May 26, 2017. After this date, no adding of classes, no switching periods, adding a student assistant, adjusting of levels (example: AP US History to regular US History or 7th grade math to 8th grade math) will be made.*

**All 9th and 10th graders must be enrolled in a minimum of 7 classes. They may have one period off.**

**All 11th and 12th graders may have 2 periods off in the fall.**



You received your SAT practice book for Assignment #1. Your assignment will be from the book.

At the back of the book, there are 4 full length practice tests. You are going to pick **ONE** of the four tested subjects: 1) reading, 2) writing and language, 3) math – no calculator and 4) math – calculator. Take **JUST THAT SECTION** of the test 4 times:

You are to pick **one** of the tested subjects.

**We suggest selecting your weakest tested subject.**

In that area **only**, we want you to do the **TIMED** sections in the full length tests

**Pick only ONE subject and do 4 practice tests:**

**Choice 1 – Reading**

**65 minutes each – do all four**

Test 1 pages 334 – 348

Test 2 pages 452 – 466

Test 3 pages 564 – 577

Test 4 pages 676 – 689

**Choice 2 – Writing**

**35 minutes each – do all four**

Test 1 pages 350 – 364

Test 2 pages 468 – 481

Test 3 pages 578 – 593

Test 4 pages 690 – 703

**Choice 3 – Math (no calc)**

**25 minutes each – do all four**

Test 1 pages 366 – 372

Test 2 pages 482 – 489

Test 3 pages 594 – 601

Test 4 pages 704 – 711

**Choice 4 – Math (calculator)**

**55 minutes each – do all four**

Test 1 pages 374 – 388

Test 2 pages 490 – 503

Test 3 pages 602 – 617

Test 4 pages 712 – 728

When you are done, use the answer key provided at the end of each test and score yourself. Hopefully, you will see a steady increase in your score.

To get credit for the assignment, your parent needs to sign the very back page of the SAT book. The page is blank. Your parent is stating, by their signature, that you took and scored these practice tests at home/school. You need to bring your SAT book to Miss Odom's office and show her the back page of the book. She will also have you sign that you showed her the book by the February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm deadline. Your parent will then receive an email to confirm that Miss Odom received their signature on your SAT book. Try your best. Our hope is that the more you expose yourself to the SAT content and practice, the better you'll be on the actual test day.

***All SATs books, with parent signature, must be shown to Miss Odom by 3 pm on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Those turned in after this date and time will not be accepted for credit for the SAT class.***