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Dear STEM Academy Freshman & Sophomore Families,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about the course selection process for the 2020-2021 school year. Several opportunities to ask questions will be provided in order to help the students make an informed decision about their course load for next year.

- **Course Selection Student Presentation (Students Only)** - During the school day on Tuesday, January 28th, students will attend a presentation by the administration and the counseling department about the course selection process and receive copies of the course selection sheets. We will review credit requirements for graduation, elective courses available for current 9th grade students, and additional information for current 10th grade students regarding the IB Diploma Program. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss individual courses with our faculty during a breakout session. Upperclassmen will have this time to work on CAS and EE requirements.
- **Course Selection Night (Parents and Students)** - Following our student presentation day there will be an informational session on Thursday, January 30th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for families of current 9th and 10th grade students to learn about course options for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - Current 9th Grade Students: At 6:00 pm, current 9th grade students and their families will have the opportunity to attend a brief presentation regarding 10th grade electives. After the presentation, parents and students may speak with teachers of required core and elective courses.
 - Current 10th Grade Students: At 7:00 pm, current 10th grade students and their families have the opportunity to listen to a presentation regarding the 11th and 12th grade years. After the presentation, parents and students may speak with representatives from each curriculum department about IB and Pathway courses.
- The STEM Academy Program of Study with complete course selection information is available for your review on our website: [STEM Academy 2020-2021 Program of Study](#)

All course selections for next school year will be completed online through the [Student Portal](#) using the student login. Attached to this letter are step-by-step directions for students to make selections on their Academic Planner in Infinite Campus. **All students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 must complete their selections for the 2020-2021 school year between February 3, 2020 and February 11, 2020.** After this time, any



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requests to change selections must be made through the STEM counseling office. Changes cannot be guaranteed and are based on course availability. If students are unable to login to the Student Portal: 1) Email: servicedesk@dasd.org or 2) call the main office at 610-269-8460 x7242.

We look forward to hosting you on January 30th as we begin the scheduling process for the 2020-2021 school year. In case of inclement weather, the parent presentation will occur on February 6th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the counseling office at 610-269-8460 x7206.

Sincerely,

Art Campbell
Head of School

[Student Portal Instructions](#)