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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Classes of 2020:

Welcome to Delran High School, and welcome to Scheduling for 2016-17!

I wish to communicate to you some of the important dates to make scheduling for the 2016-17 school year run smoothly. Before I do, I would urge all of you to read the Program of Studies which can be found on the High School homepage, especially the first 16 pages as they contain a tremendous amount of helpful information. For your benefit, in the list of classes, you will find our new courses highlighted in RED. Also found on the website is the scheduling orientation PowerPoint, directions for completing the elective course process, and the course waiver form.

Now on to the nuts and bolts of scheduling:

The deadline for choosing elective courses is January 24th!

Scheduling of elective courses will now be done online through either the Student or Parent Portal.

After this time, each student will meet with his/her Guidance Counselor for a one-on-one scheduling meeting. During this time, the counselor will review the graduation requirements and attend to any student scheduling issues. On the portal, you will see that the academic course recommendations that have been made by your child's current teacher. If you and your child wish to change any of the academic recommendations and take a higher level course, a Scheduling Waiver Form must be completed and turned in to your child's guidance counselor. **The deadline for waiver forms is March 22, 2016. There are no exceptions for late waivers.** Our schedule change calendar is found on page 12 of the Program of Studies. If your child is struggling, then he/she can move if there is room in the lower level course; however, his/her schedule might be altered due to course meeting times. We ask that our students challenge themselves; however, to keep in mind that the transition to the high school is difficult for some students with all of the other activities that are offered. We want students to reach for the stars; however, we still want them to be kids and enjoy their time at DHS!

For our classified students, they will have individual scheduling meetings during their annual IEP.

At the end of March, all classes are "set in stone" until the scheduling process is completed here at the high school. My goal is to have finalized schedules in your child's hand on June 1, 2016. At that time, level changes will be permitted until July 31st. Our Guidance office will be staffed throughout the month of July should you need assistance. It is **not** necessary to speak with your child's specific counselor for course change.

I appreciate your patience with this process and look forward to working with your children in the years to come.

With Bear Pride and Spirit,

Daniel S. Finkle
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