



Welcome to  
Centennial  
High School

Freshman Parent Night –  
Part I

# Agenda

Power Point will be posted on  
[mycentennialcounseling.com](http://mycentennialcounseling.com)  
website.



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**Julie Childers, PTSA Co-  
President**

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**Tracy McConaghie, McConaghie  
Family Counseling**

# Centennial PTSA



## PTSA Overview

- Benefits
- Opportunities
- How to get involved

## Home Access Center (HAC)

- What is it?
- Benefits
- How do you access it?

## Recommendations

- Remain involved
- Check HAC regularly
- Encourage advocacy
- Stay connected

## Communication

- PTSA website  
[www.centptsa.org](http://www.centptsa.org)
- Email blasts
- Knightly News

# Curriculum FAQs



**Grading Policies and  
Expectations**



**Credits and Graduation  
Requirements**



**Choosing Courses for  
2014-2015 School Year**



## Carnegie Units

- 1 Semester Class = .5 credit
- 1 Yearlong Class = 1 credit (.5 earned per semester)

## Grading Scale

**A (90-100)**

**B (80-89)**

**C (70-79)**

**F (<70)**

- 7 additional points are added to a final grade of 70 or above in approved Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses

# Centennial 101: Grading



In middle school, grades are calculated using a system of averages.

- Example  
8<sup>th</sup> grade English  
Semester 1: 60 (F)  
Semester 2: 80 (B)  
\*Yearly Ave: 70 (C)
- ***Student passes class for the year (earns 1 full credit)***

In Fulton County, high school grades are not averaged... Each semester is independent.

- Example  
9<sup>th</sup> grade English  
Semester 1: 60 (F)  
Semester 2: 80 (B)  
\*No Yearly Average
- ***Student fails 1<sup>st</sup> semester; passes 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (earns 1/2 credit)***

# End of Course Tests



## EOCT courses:

- Biology\*
  - Physical Science
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp\*
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp
  - CCGPS Coord.Algebra\*
  - CCGPS Geometry
  - US History
  - Economics
- The EOCT is weighted at 20% of a student's final course grade (S2)
  - Most teachers will weight the SI final the same as the EOCT
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses are marked with an \*
  - Final exams are given in all other courses – see teacher syllabi for details

# GPA Calculation



- To calculate FCS GPA:
- By Semester
  - Add final course grades for semester
  - Divide by total courses taken
- Cumulative GPA
  - Add final grades for each course
  - Divide by total courses taken
- Courses are not weighted by credit earned (a 1.0 credit course counts the same as a 0.5 credit course when calculating GPA)
- HOPE GPA
  - Determined annually by the GA Student Finance Commission
  - Visit [GACollege411.org](http://GACollege411.org) for details



# Centennial 101



## **High School credits earned in Middle School**

- Students can have earned HS credits for math and/or world languages.
- 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grade world language equals 1.0 HS credit.
- *Student/Parent must provide an official transcript from the school awarding the course credit(s).*

## **Promotion**

- Freshmen: 0 – 4.5 credits
- Sophomores: 5.0 – 10.5 credits
- Juniors: 11.0 – 16.5 credits
- Seniors: 17.0 or more credits

## **Progress Reports and Report Cards**

- Progress Reports provide student's status at the 6 and 12 week marks
- Report Cards provide the student's final grades for the semester
- Home Access Center (HAC)

# Parent Concerns



Questions about student grades, assignments, course content, classroom consequences, etc. should be directed to the teacher first

The counselor can be contacted for support in scheduling meetings with all teachers or general academic support

Administrators are available for academic support after contact has been initiated with the teacher

# Graduation Requirements

## 23 credits required

- **English** – 4 credits
- **Math** – 4 credits
- **Science** – 4 credits
- **Social Studies** – 3 credits
- **CTAE/World Language/Fine Arts\*** – 3 credits
  - *\*Note: 2 or 3 years of World Language credits may be required for college admission*
- **Health/Personal Fitness** – 1 credit (each .5)
- **Electives** – 4 credits



# Required Academic Classes

## LANGUAGE ARTS (4 CREDITS)

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit & Comp
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit & Comp
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade/American Lit
- Senior Level Lang Arts Course
  - AP Literature
  - 1 Semester of World Lit and 1 Semester of Multicultural Lit

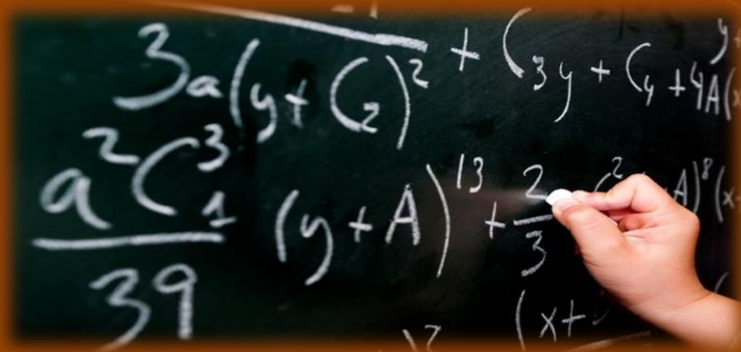


\*Required Summer Reading for all Honors and AP level Lang Arts courses.

# Required Academic Classes

## MATHEMATICS (4 CREDITS)

- CCGPS Algebra or CCGPS Accelerated Algebra
- CCGPS Geometry or CCGPS Accelerated Geometry
- CCGPS Advanced Algebra or Accelerated Pre-Calculus
- 4<sup>th</sup> CCGPS Approved Math Course (Centennial counselor will assist with student their options)



### Support Math Classes\*\*

Math courses designed to provide students extra support in math, but can only be counted as elective credit

# Required Academic Classes

## SCIENCE (4 CREDITS)



- **Biology**
- **Physical Science or Physics**
- **Chemistry, Environmental Sci, Earth Systems or an AP Science class**
- **Approved 4<sup>th</sup> Science Course**

# Required Academic Classes

## **SOCIAL STUDIES (3 CREDITS)**

- **American Government (1 semester)**
- **World History**
- **US History**
- **Economics (1 semester)**



# Additional Required Classes

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 CREDIT)



- **General Health**  
(1 semester)



- **Personal Fitness**  
(1 semester)





# World Languages



**French: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP**

**Spanish: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP**

**German: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP**

Honors courses exist in level II and higher

# Fine Arts



Art



Band



Chorus



Drama



Orchestra

# Pathways at Centennial

**Audio-Video  
Technology**

**Engineering  
and  
Technology**

**Programming**

**Food and  
Nutrition**

**Law  
Enforcement  
Services**

**JROTC**

**Health  
Science**

**Music, Visual  
Arts, and  
Theater**

**World  
Language**

# Quiz

**HOW MANY CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?**

**TEXT a CODE to 37607**

*\* Standard Text Messaging Rates Apply*



# Sample High School Schedule



**Start Time 8:30**

**Dismissal 3:40**

- 1. 9<sup>th</sup> Lit./Comp**
- 2. Seminar (Mon, Wed, Fri)**
- 3. Biology**
- 4. CCGPS Algebra**
- 5. Lunch**
- 6. Health/Personal Fitness**
- 7. German I (Elective)**
- 8. Elective**

# Seminars



Seminars are non-credit, non-graded courses

- Session 1 (August 26 – November 1)
- Session 2 (November 4 – February 2)
- Session 3 (February 10 – April 25)

Variety of topics

- Study hall, extra help, and enrichment opportunities

Registration takes place on [www.chshub.com](http://www.chshub.com)  
and through English classes

# TAG Seminars



TAG students can earn TAG credit by taking a seminar or taking an AP course



TAG students only need to take one TAG seminar during freshman year to earn credit



AP Human Geography can count for TAG participation



Variety of topics

- Dreams, Genealogy, and SAT prep



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# Course Selection and Changes

Teachers will recommend students for academic placement during the spring semester



Parents/students will be given the opportunity to review recommended placements; questions should be directed to the teacher and/or counselor prior to enrollment in the course



Students will be given opportunities to select elective courses; changes may be made within the designated enrollment period (Feb – May)



After the verification period, students are expected to complete courses in which they enroll



Changes after the verification period will be rare and will require administrative approval



# Choosing Your Electives



**Review list of available elective options**



**Review curriculum guide to read course descriptions of the classes in which you have an interest**



**Rank your elective choices on your elective form (choose up to 8)**



**Choose wisely! Students must stay in given elective class even if they do not like it**

# 2013-14 Counseling Dept Staff



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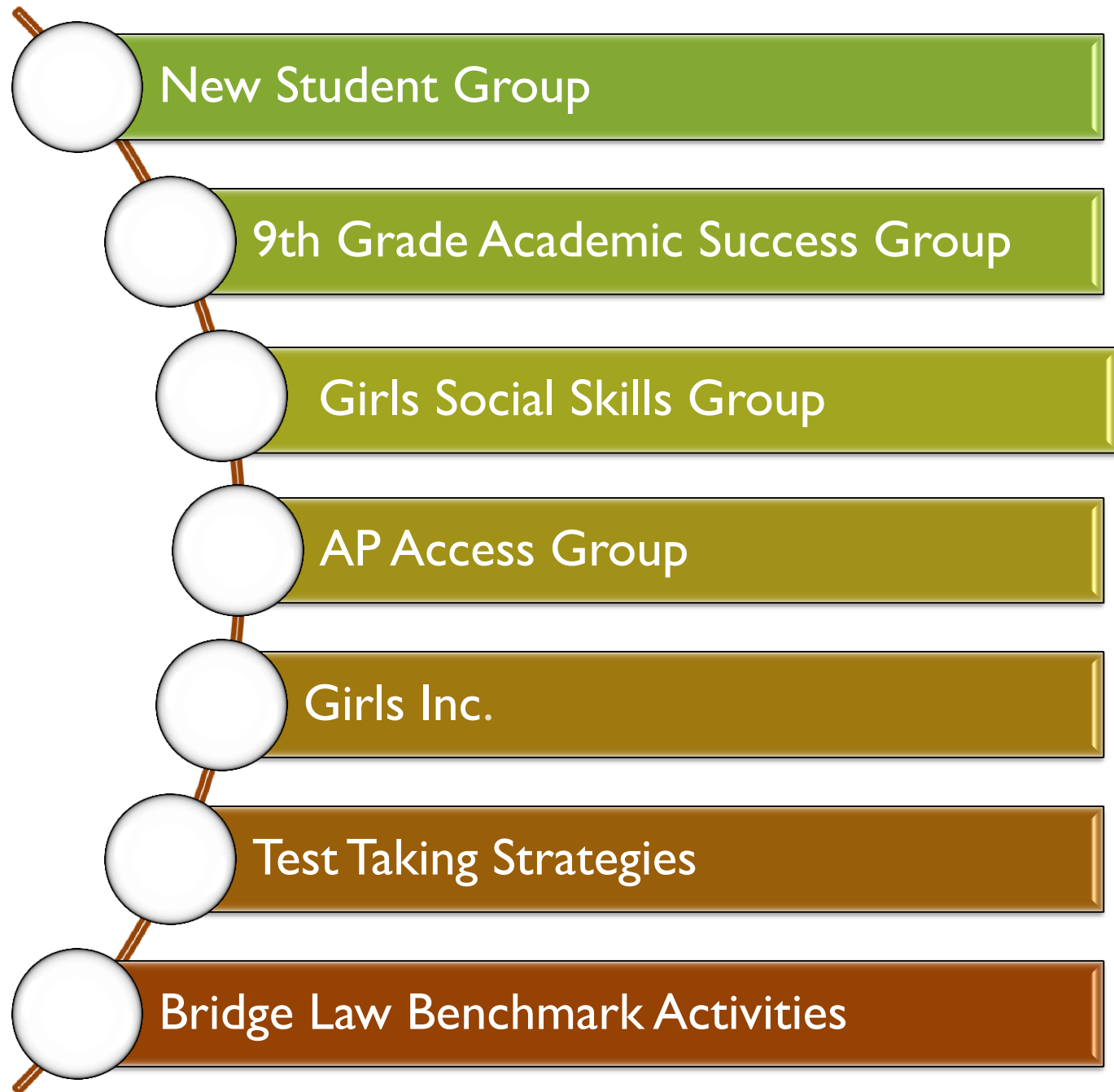
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# **Student Support Programs**

**Grades 9 - 12**



# Counseling Program Resources



**Counseling Website**

[www.mycentennialcounseling.com](http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com)



**College Representative Visits**



**Scholarship Information Blasts**



**Credit Recovery Options**



**Parent Nights**

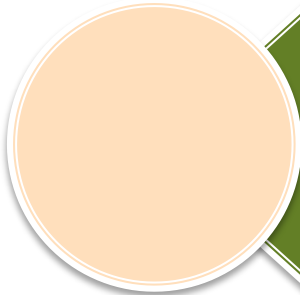


**SAT/ACT Test-Prep Opportunities**

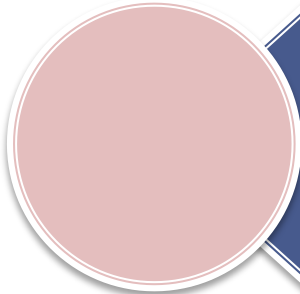


**Consultations & Collaboration**

# Moving Forward



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Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 pm  
(cafeteria)



Welcome  
**Tracy McConaghie**