

**8th Grade Parent
Night**

**Welcome class
of 2026!**



"We take PRIDE in the pursuit of excellence"

Agenda

Welcome!

Deans & Guests:

- x House System
- x 9th Grade Student support
- x SEL Student Support
- x Student Involvement
- x Scheduling Process
- x Innovation Pathways
- x Dual Enrollment

CHS Video

Next "Stop"- Visit Curriculum Coordinators, Activity and Athletic Representatives



House System

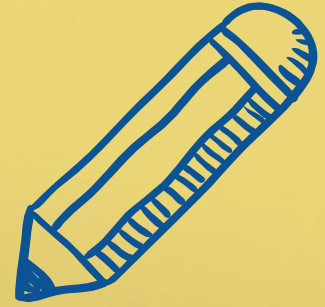
School within a School

- x 500 Students Per House
- x 2 Counselors
- x 1 Clinical Psychologist
- x 1 House Secretary
- x 1 Dean



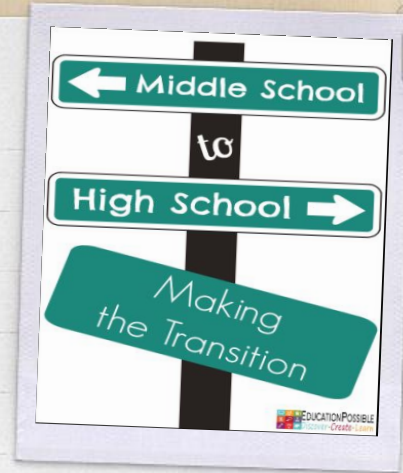
9th Grade Supports

- X Student Mentors
- X Move- up/ Move- down day/ 1st Day of School
- X Plus Block Advisory
- X PRIDE Block
- X Relationships



Student Guidance & Social Emotional Learning

- x Guiding Your Student Through the Academic & Social Transition
- x Where to turn for Support during Transition Planning
- x Career & College Exploration 1 Credit Course (Time management~Study Habits~Interest Exploration)
- x Social Emotional Learning (SEL)- Character Strong



Why Join a Club, Activity or Sport?

- x Meet people with like interests
- x Make new friends
- x Develop cooperation and collaboration skills
- x Become more assertive
- x Build resilience and perseverance



CHS Clubs & Activities

- x Over 50 offerings for all students
 - x Academic, service, musical, performance, recreational/ intramural
- x One activity fee covers ALL clubs and activities for the entire year
- x Students are encouraged to participate in afterschool programs
- x Students can participate in as many clubs and activities as they and their parents feel they can handle



CHS Athletics

- x Seasons to participate
 - x Fall, winter, spring
- x Multi levels for most sports
 - x Varsity, JVA, JVB
- x Why join a sports team at CHS?



Typical 9th Grader

(70 Credits for Full Schedule)

English 9
(10 Credits)

Math (Alg 1 or Geo)
(10 Credits)

Science (10 Credits)
(Envi Sci or Bio)

World History II
(10 Credits)

French/Spanish/ASL
(10 Credits)

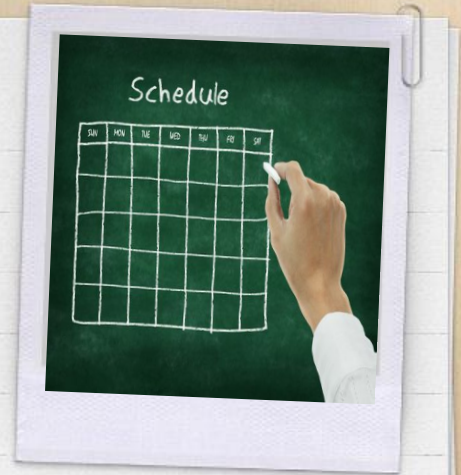
Life Management
(5 Credits)

15 other elective credits



Scheduling Timeline

- x Teacher recommendations are due by 2/9
- x Students/Families seeking a higher level course **MUST** submit an override application by 2/16 (this can be found on front page of CHS webpage)
- x Students will be selecting electives from 2/26-3/8.



Innovation Pathways

- The Innovation Pathways Program was developed to provide our students with skills-based and advanced courses relevant to high-needs employment sectors in Massachusetts focused on:

Business and Finance

Advanced Manufacturing

Information Technology

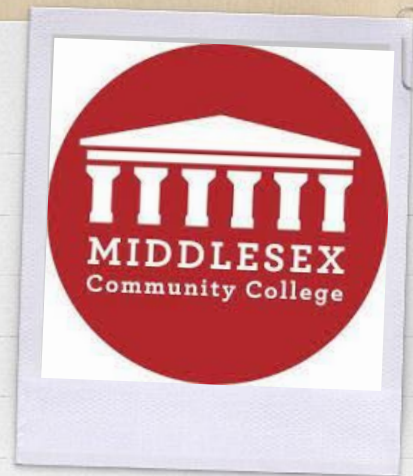
Life Sciences

- Advanced courses designated as Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Enrollment (DE) are free for students in this program
- Senior Capstone or Internship with collaborating partners

Learn more at the Innovation Pathways Table!

Dual Enrollment

- Earn college credit while working towards high school graduation requirements
- Mass Transfer Program
- Strengthen academic skills, gain access to college library, labs, resources
- Significant savings (\$92 per credit).
- 24 Dual Enrollment Courses offered
- Getting Started: Free 1 Credit Course
- Future Vision: Early College Designation
- Build Academic Pathways



CHS Video Presentation



Next Stop:

Visit curriculum
coordinators, activity and
athletic representatives!