



Today's Agenda

8:30-9:30 a.m.

- Butch Keller, US Division Head
- Jennifer Hargreaves, Director of Admission, US
- Kelly Horan, Academic Dean
- Senior student panel
- Evan Barth – 8th grade Q&A

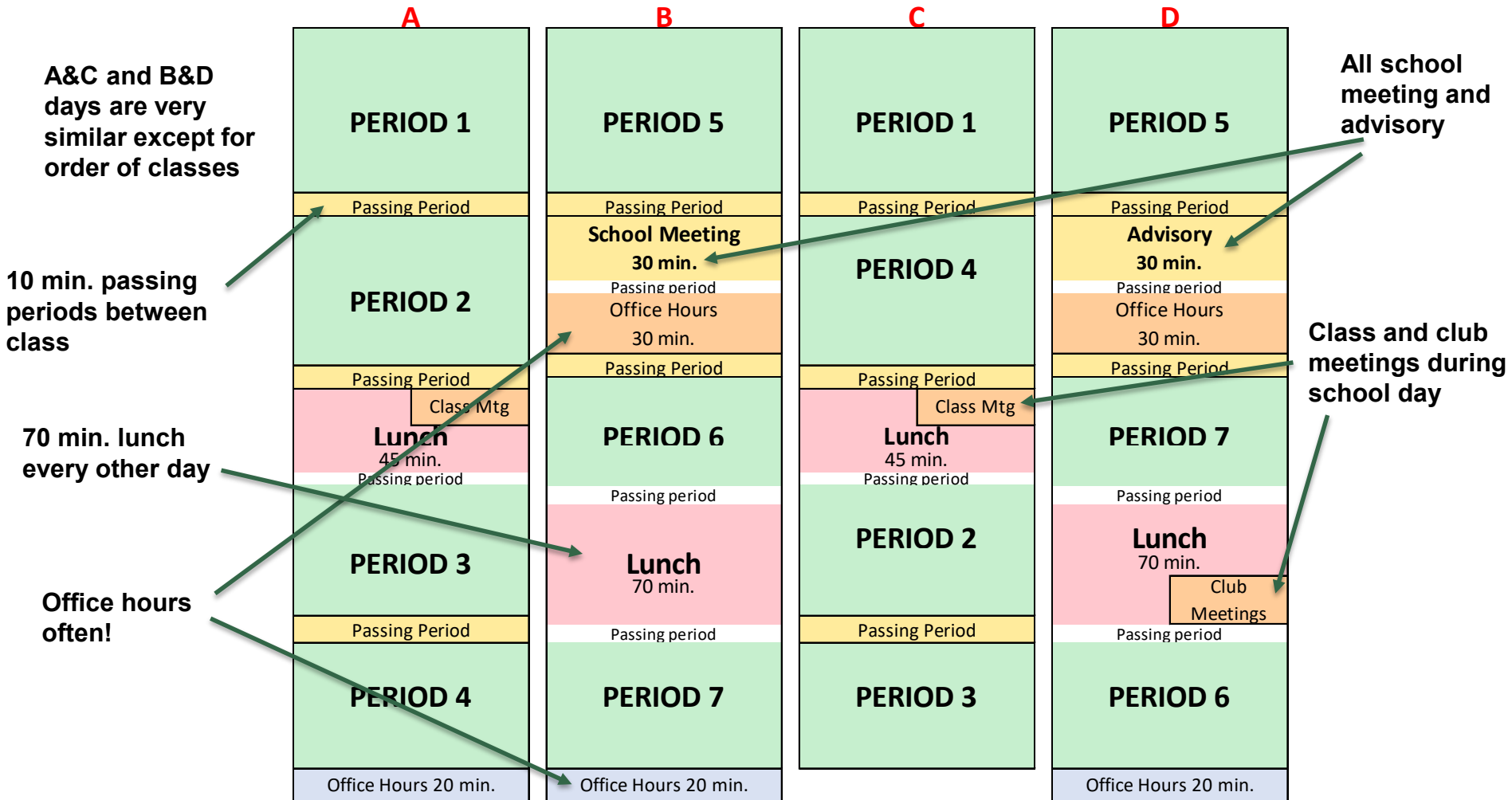
9:30-10:00 a.m. – Teachers to meet in lobby and optional tours of campus

Upper School Head

Butch Keller



Upper School Block Schedule



Your Questions



Q: How do students learn about clubs?

A: Club fair!



Student clubs and organizations

CLUBS

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACS Chem Club | GSA | Multimedia Club | TEDx |
| Admission Ambassadors | Guy's Gig | Philosophy Club | Tri-M |
| Art Club | HarkerDev | Podcast Network | The Writer's Advocate Club |
| Artificial Intelligence | Horizon Publication | Power of Words | Tutoring Club |
| Astronomy Club | HELM | Programming Club | UNICEF |
| Bollywood Club | History Club | Psychology Club | Unplugged |
| Book Club | InterAct | Quiz Bowl | Voices for Youth |
| Business Analytics Club | Junior Classics League | Random Acts of Kindness | Wildlife and Nature |
| Calligraphy Club | Junior State of America | Red Cross Club | Photography |
| Car club | Key Club | Research Club | WiSTEM |
| Career Connect | Language & Linguistics | Robotics | |
| Contemporary Hip-Hop | Launch X | Science competitions club | |
| Cooking Club | Law Club | Silicon Valley Club | |
| DECA | Make a Birthday | Socio-Economics Club | |
| E-Sports Club | Wish Club | Spirit Club | |
| Ethics in Technology | Marine Bio Club | Students partnered | |
| FEM Club | Math club | with veterans | |
| Friendship Bracelet Club | Medical Club | Sus 4 | |
| Future Problem Solvers | | | |
| Green Team | | | |

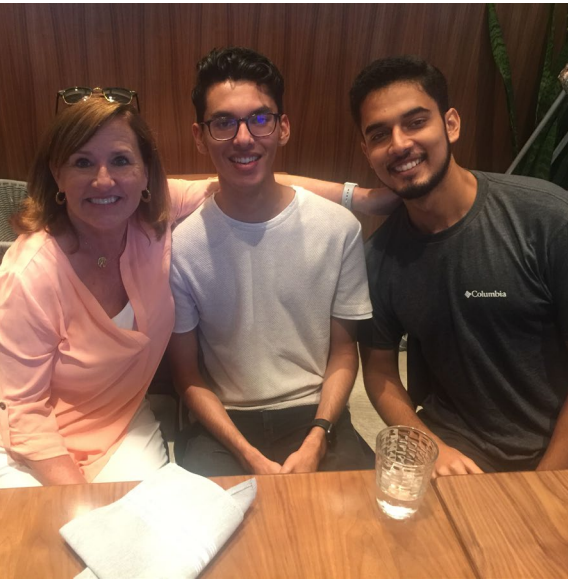
SOCIETIES

National Honor Society
Oeconomia Club
Chinese National Honor Society
French National Honor Society
Japanese National Honor Society
Spanish National Honor Society

Programs

| Program | Program Director |
|--|------------------|
| Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship | Juston Glass |
| Journalism | Ellen Austin |
| Robotics | Eric Nelson |
| Speech & Debate | Jenny Achten |

Q: What did you learn on the recent Keller tour?



Q: How do athletics work at upper school?

- A:**
- Three seasons: fall, winter, spring, each 3.5-4 mos. long
 - Practice five days a week after school for two hours, sometimes Saturdays
 - 60% of students play at least one sport
 - Great coaching, training and facilities
 - **Fall sports start 8/10/2020** (except football which starts 8/7/2020) Please plan your summer vacations accordingly.
 - Fall sports: Cross country, water polo, girls tennis, girls volleyball, girls golf, football

Director of Admission 9-12

Jennifer Hargreaves

Q: Does Harker give merit scholarships?

- A:**
- No, we do not give merit scholarships of any kind.
 - Same policy across all bay area independent schools in the Bay Area Admission Directors (BAAD) group
 - Also against the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) bylaws in the athletic realm

Upper School Admission

- We will add 35 to 40 new students to grade 9
- Expect 300 applications for these spaces
- Looking to offer admission to students who will add to the upper school community

Re-enrolling into Grade 9

Re-enrollment criteria are in the middle school student/parent handbook.

A letter will be sent in early December to confirm your re-enrollment status.



Re-enrollment Criteria

Grades

- Earn a yearly C average or higher in the following academic classes
 - English
 - Math
 - History
 - Science
- Earn a D average or higher in foreign language.

Grades are evaluated using the November gradebook snapshot.

Behavior

- Exhibit attendance, behavior and citizenship that meets or exceeds the school's expectations as outlined in the handbook.

Re-enrollment Timeline

- December: Notification letters sent to current eighth graders
- Early February: Contracts sent

Signing the contract and paying the tuition deposit reserves your spot in the grade 9 class.

HARKER *Live!*

- For current grade 8 parents and applicant parents/guardians
- Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Shuttle from middle school
- Visit classes in session
- RSVP requested

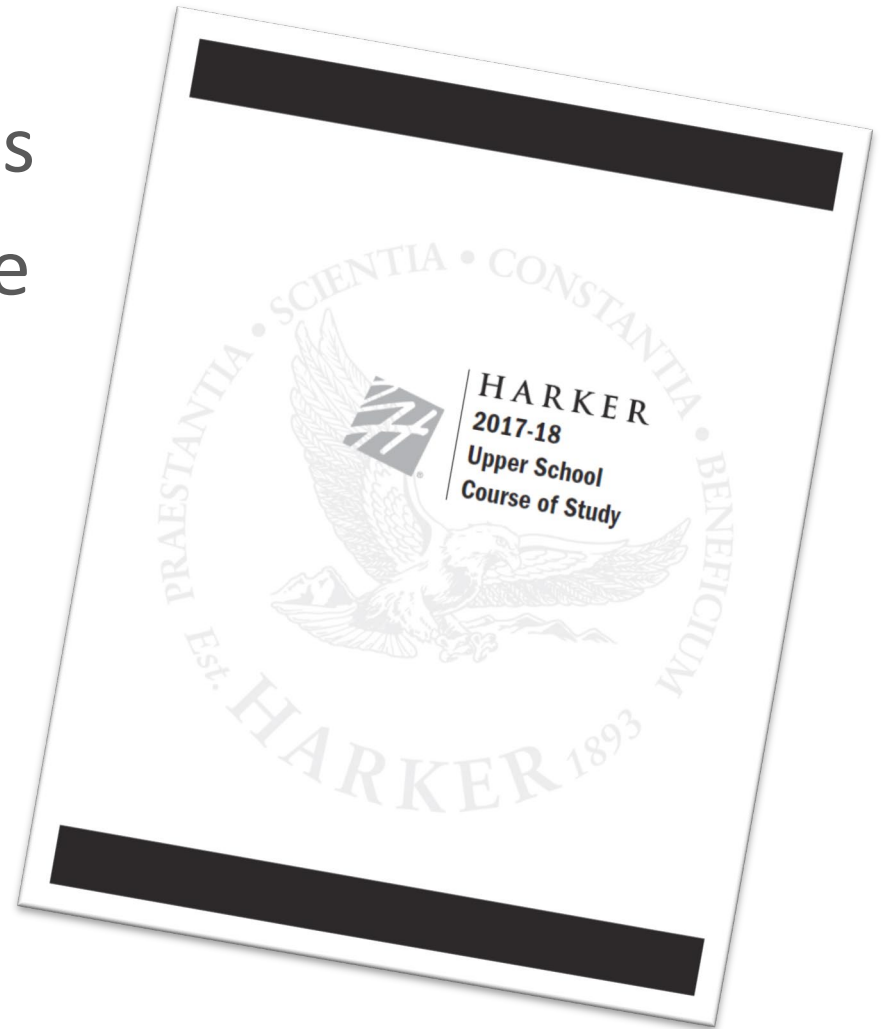
Upper School Academic Dean

Kelly Horan



Breadth of Offerings

- Incredible opportunities
- Unique paths that serve the child's interests
- 193 courses offered
- 29 AP courses offered



Student Support

Grades 9-12

- Faculty Advisor
- Teacher(s)
- Academic Counselors
- Academic Dean & Pre-college Counselor

Academic Dean's Role

- Meet with Grade 9 students in October
- Help create a fluid 4-year academic course plan
 - Invitation mid-October for student and family to meet individually (Oct.-Jan.)
- Ensure students are in the right classes with a good, balanced life
- Serve as pre-college counselor until 2nd semester junior year, including PSAT, SAT/ACT and SAT subject tests information

Graduation Requirements

Academic requirements

- English – 4 years
- Math – 3 years
- Science – Physics, Chemistry, & Biology
- History – World History 1 & 2, US History
- Modern or Classical Language – through level 3
- Art – Study of ...
- Computer Science – 1 semester

Non-academic requirements

- Community Service – 30 hours
- Physical Education – 2 units

Course Planning

| | | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | Requirements |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | English | English 1: Myth and the Journey | English 2: British Lit | English 3: American Lit | English 4: 2 semester courses or AP English Lit | 4 years |
| 2 | Math | | | | | 3 years 4 recommended |
| 3 | Science | Physics | Chemistry | Biology | | 3 years |
| 4 | History | World 1 | World 2 or Hon World 2, AP World or European | United States | | 3 years |
| 5 | Language | | | | | Complete Level 3 |
| 6 | Arts / Computer Science | Study of Visual, Music, Dance, or Theater Arts | | | | Arts - 1 year Comp Sci – 1 sem |
| 7 | Extra Period Option | | | | | |
| | Total Credits (min) | 6 | 5 – 6 | 5 – 6 | 5 – 6 | 22 credits minimum |

Course Selection for 9th grade

- **January 2020**
 - Grade 8 student assembly
 - Foreign Language
 - Study of the arts
 - Extra Period Option
 - Email to you and your child
 - Recaps today as well as the assembly

Grade 9 Classes

Maximum of six academic classes

| Subject | Choice/Placement | Placement Options |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. English 1 | Placement by teacher | Regular or Honors |
| 2. Math | Placement by teacher | Regular or Honors |
| 3. Physics | Placement by teacher | Regular or Honors |
| 4. World History 1 | Placement by teacher | Regular or Honors |
| 5. Foreign Language | Student choice/Placement by teacher | Regular or Honors |
| 6. Study of the Arts | Student preference | theater arts, dance, visual arts music, or technical theater |
| "Extra Period Option" (non-academic class) | Student choice | Can be a free period; many options, some have audition/application |

Placement by teachers

- Grade 8 teachers make placements for grade 9 classes based on 1st semester grades.
- World History 1 Placement: History and English teachers make placement.
 - A- or better in history
 - Continued placement in Honors English OR an A- or better in Advanced Core English

Foreign Language

- Spanish, French, Latin, Japanese & Mandarin
- Completion of level 3 is required for graduation, at least 1 year must be completed at the upper school.
- Choice: continue with current language or begin a new one?

Study of the Arts

- Provide 2 preferences for the full year:
 - Study of Dance
 - Study of Music
 - Study of Technical Theater
 - Study of Theater Arts
 - Study of Visual Arts

Extra Period Option

- Free Period
- Performing Arts
 - Vocal (Bel Canto → Downbeat, Cantilena, Camerata)
 - Harker Dance Company (Audition)
 - Instrumental (Orchestra, Lab/Jazz Band)
- Journalism
 - Yearbook or Newspaper (Application Process)
- Speech and Debate
- Principles of Business and Entrepreneurship
- P.E.: Personal Fitness

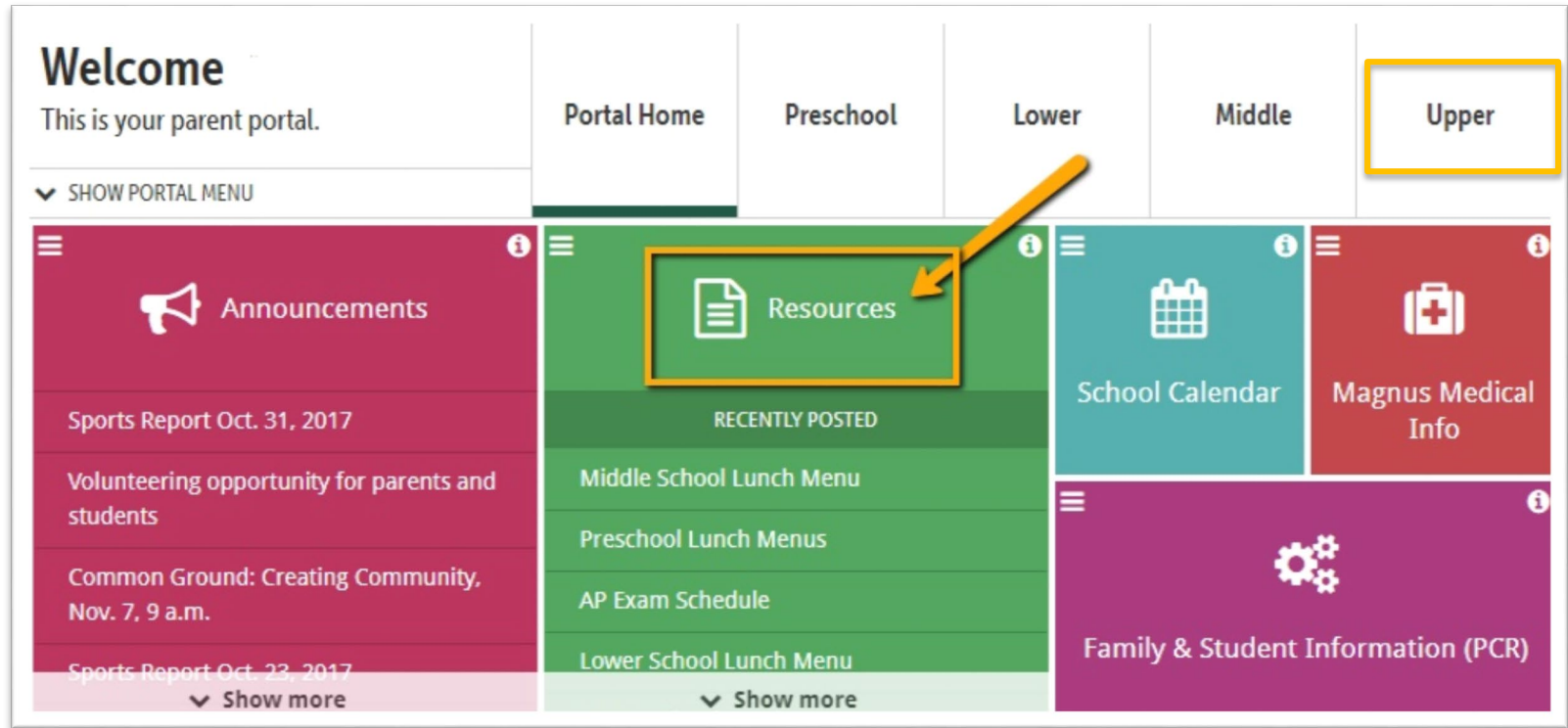
Middle School to Upper School Math

| | | Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Senior |
|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Grade | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | Algebra 1 | Geometry | Algebra 2 | Precalculus | Calculus |
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| | Geometry | Algebra 2 | Precalculus | AP Calculus | Second Year Calculus |
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| | Algebra 2 | Precalculus | AP Calculus | Second Year Calculus | AP Statistics |

Computer Science

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Where is this information?



Documents in the portal include:

Upper School Course of Study: Planning Charts & Course Lists

Grade 8 to 9: Transitioning to the Upper School

College Counseling

- Academic Advising
 - 9th grade LIFE session & family meetings
 - 10th grade LIFE session
- College Counseling Timeline
- College Counseling (Finding the best fit)
 - College counselor is assigned January of 11th grade
 - Meet every Tuesday after school
 - 1 on 1 and family meetings

Harker student life

Charlotte Blanc

Emily Cheng

Gio Rofa

Mihir Sharma

Katelyn Vo

Tiffany Zhao

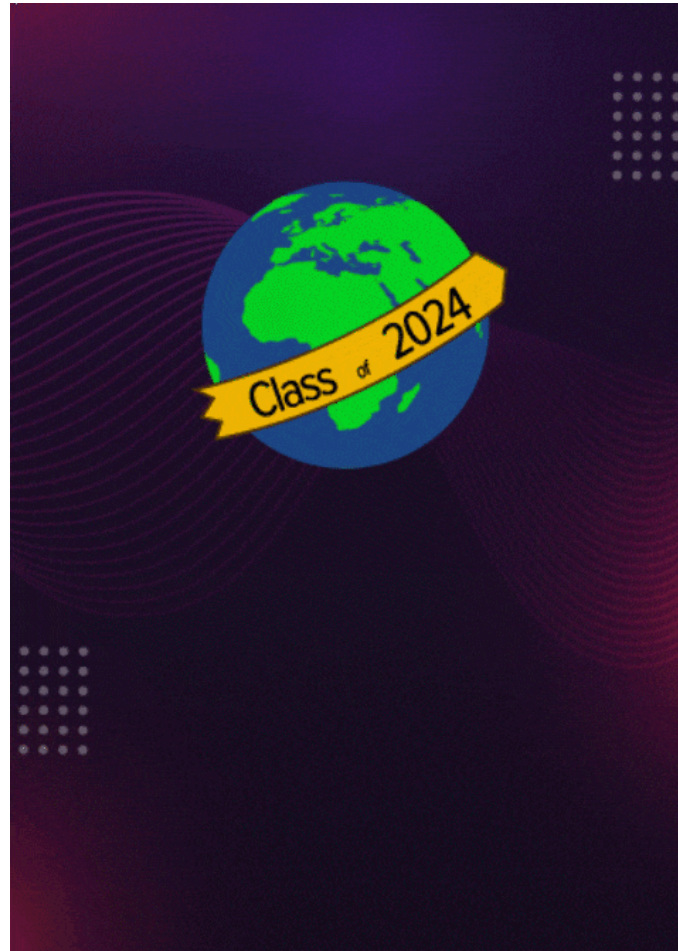
Middle School Division Head

Evan Barth

Upcoming events

- Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
 - Scheduler closes 12pm Friday 11/22
- Big Assembly Day, Friday Dec 13th
- Semester exams Dec 18th – 20th
 - Wed and Thurs 8:30 – 10, 10:30 – 12:00
 - Fri 8:30 – 10:00
 - Campus closes 12:00pm on Friday 12/20!

**Look for an e-mail coming soon from your
8th grade Promotion Party Organizers!**



**Thank you
for joining us today!**