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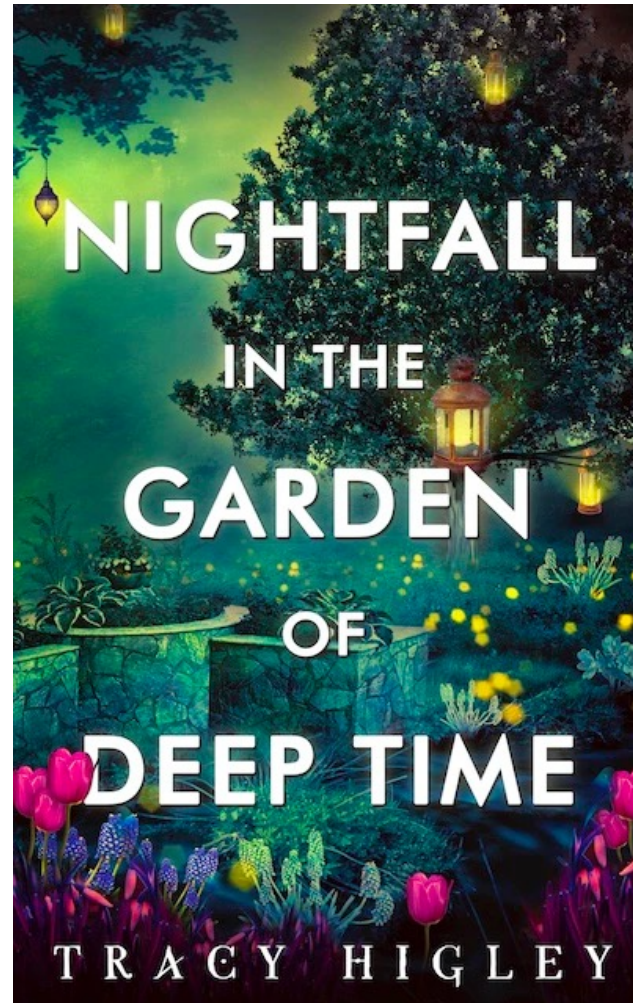
# Academic Planning & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection

Welcome, Class of 2027

Ms. Kelly Horan  
Assistant Division Head, Upper School

# Tonight's Agenda

- Course Selection Guidance
- Choices for 9th grade
- Senior Panel



A group of young women are shown in a state of excitement, cheering and holding a flag. They are wearing dark clothing, some with "IT'S OVER" written on it. One woman in the foreground is wearing a white and yellow cheerleader outfit. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Everyone has a  
story.**

**What's yours?**

**BE BRAVE**



We are excited for you to begin your journey!





# Academic Planning Process



Academic Planning Meeting (October)



LIFE Session (November)



Course Selection School Meeting (January)






Course Selection Grade 9 Advisory (January)



On-going support team

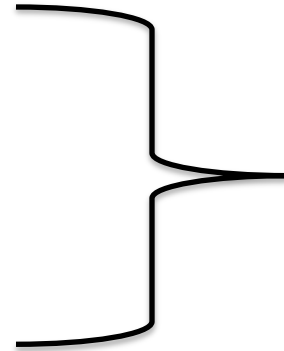
# Courses & Bell Schedule

- School hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Up to 7 classes: 6 academic classes & 1 Extra Period Option
- Class periods = 85 minutes
- Block Schedule
  - A & C Days: meet 4 classes
  - B & D Days: meet 3 classes

		9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Requirements
1	English	English 1: Literary Genres	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, Honors World 2, AP World, or AP European	United States		3 years
5	Language					Complete Level 3
6	Arts / Computer Science	Study of Visual, Music, Dance, Theater Arts, Tech				Arts - 1 year Comp Sci – 1 sem
7	Extra Period Option					
	Total Credits (min)	6	5 – 6	5 – 6	5 – 6	22 credits minimum

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

1. English 1
2. Math
3. Physics
4. World History 1



**Placement by  
teachers based on  
your performance  
Semester 1**

5. Language
6. Study of the Arts



**You decide / teacher placement**



**You provide preferences!**

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7. “Extra Period Option”
    - Can be left open as a Free Period



**You decide / auditions**

# Estimate homework

<b>Class Choices</b>	<b>Projected Time (over 2 days)</b>
<b>6 grade level classes</b>	<b>4.5 hours (270 min)</b>
<b>4 grade level + 2 honors</b>	<b>5 hours (300 min)</b>
<b>2 grade level + 4 honors</b>	<b>5.5 hours (330 min)</b>
<b>2 grade level + 2 honors + 2 APs</b>	<b>6 hours (360 min)</b>

# Modern & Classical Languages

- Will you **continue** with your current language or **start** a new language?
  - If continuing, your teacher will decide your placement this spring based on your performance
  - If starting new, you will take a placement exam



Same options: Spanish, French, Latin, Japanese, & Mandarin

# Study of the Arts

- What are your interests?
- Would you like to expand your interests?
- Conservatory Certificate program
  - A way to focus your elective courses
  - **Read booklet** on student portal



Dance



Theater  
Arts

Study  
of

Visual  
Arts



Technical  
Theater

Music





# Extra Period Option “EPO”

- 7<sup>th</sup> period slot
- Free period or non-academic course
- Options usually come from “programs”

# “Extra Period Option”

## Performing Arts

Vocal  
(Dolce Voce,  
Rhapsody)

Dance  
(HDC &  
KK)

Instrumental  
(Orchestra or  
Lab Band)

## Journalism

Introduction  
to  
Journalism  
(both  
Yearbook &  
Newspaper)

## Speech & Debate

Introduction  
to Speech &  
Debate

Intermediate  
Speech &  
Debate

## B & E

Principles of  
Business

## P.E.

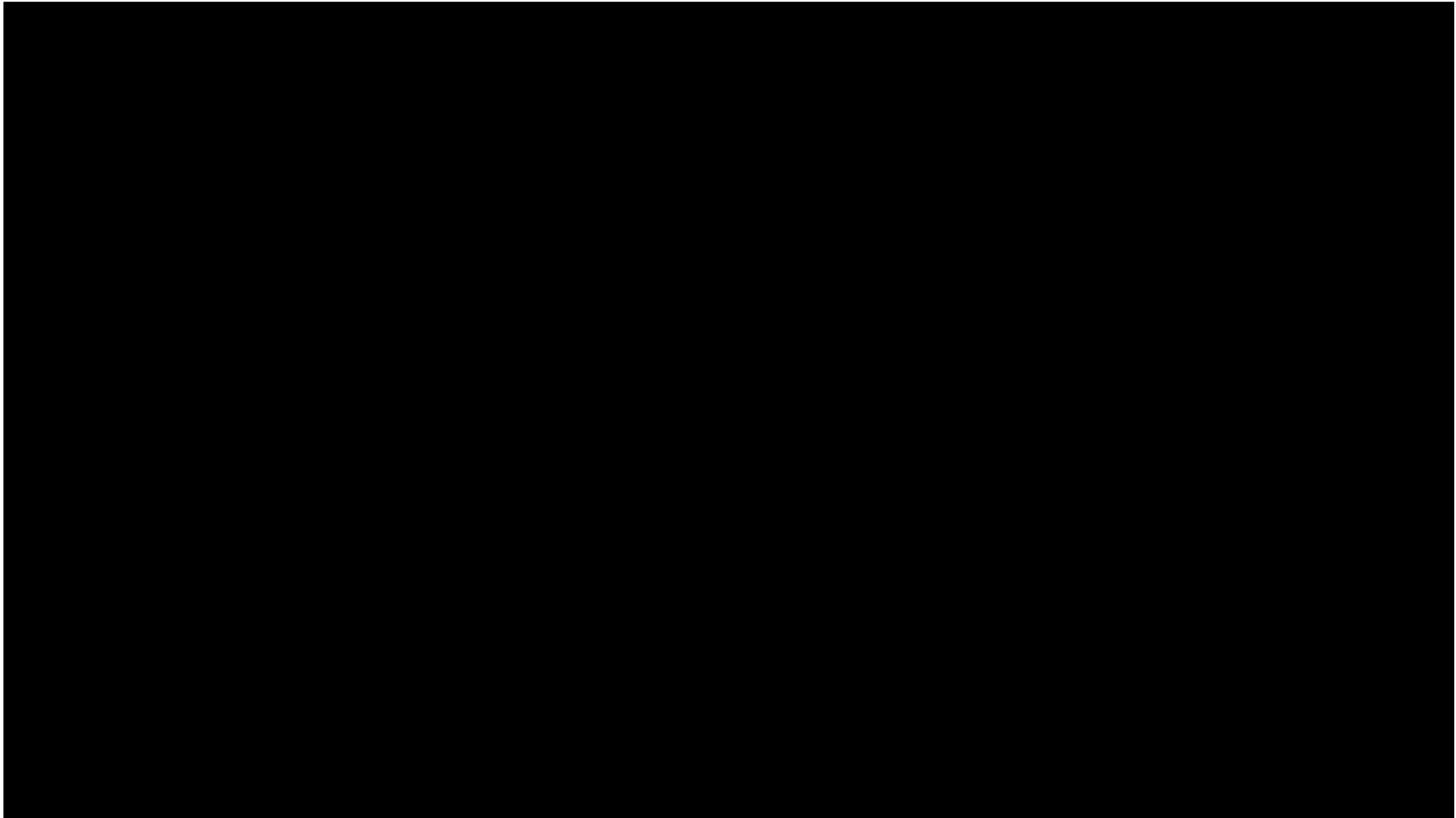
Personal  
Fitness

## Free Period

**Choose only  
one!**

# Business

# Journalism



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# Harker Summer Institute

- For credit class = 1<sup>st</sup> grade on high school transcript
- Thinking about math?
  - 1 year in 6 weeks (2 final exams)
  - Fast paced, intense → think foundation 1st



# Middle School to Upper School Math

		Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Grade	8	9	10	11	12
	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Precalculus	Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra 2	Precalculus	AP Calculus	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Calculus/ AP/Statistics
	Algebra 2	Precalculus	AP Calculus	Second Year Calculus	AP/Statistics

# Summer School

- For credit class = 1<sup>st</sup> grade on high school transcript
- Thinking about math?
  - 1 year in 6 weeks (2 final exams)
  - Fast paced, intense → think foundation 1st
- Thinking about programming?
  - 1 semester in 6 weeks
  - Will fulfill 1 semester graduation requirement
  - Will not automatically allow you to take AP CS in 9<sup>th</sup> grade

# Senior Panel

# Next Steps

- Email from Ms. Horan
  - Link to Google form included
  - Save e-mail until you have submitted your form.
  - YOU (not your parents) must submit the form by

**Friday, February 3**

**Remember – Academic Planning Resources are on Parent Portal and Schoology Class of 2027**

# Resources

**Welcome, Kelly.**  
This is your parent portal.

✓ SHOW PORTAL MENU

☰ **Upper School Announcements** ⓘ  
The latest announcements from th

Harker Holiday Show and Grade 1  
Holiday Show Videos Available

Upper School Athletics Games Friday and  
Over the Break, Alumni Soccer Games

Jessica Lahey Parent Webinar Recording  
Available

Information for Academic Planning

Academic Planning Resources

Harker News:  
Upper School

**Welcome, Kelly.**  
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✓ SHOW PORTAL MENU

Home **Upper** Middle Lower

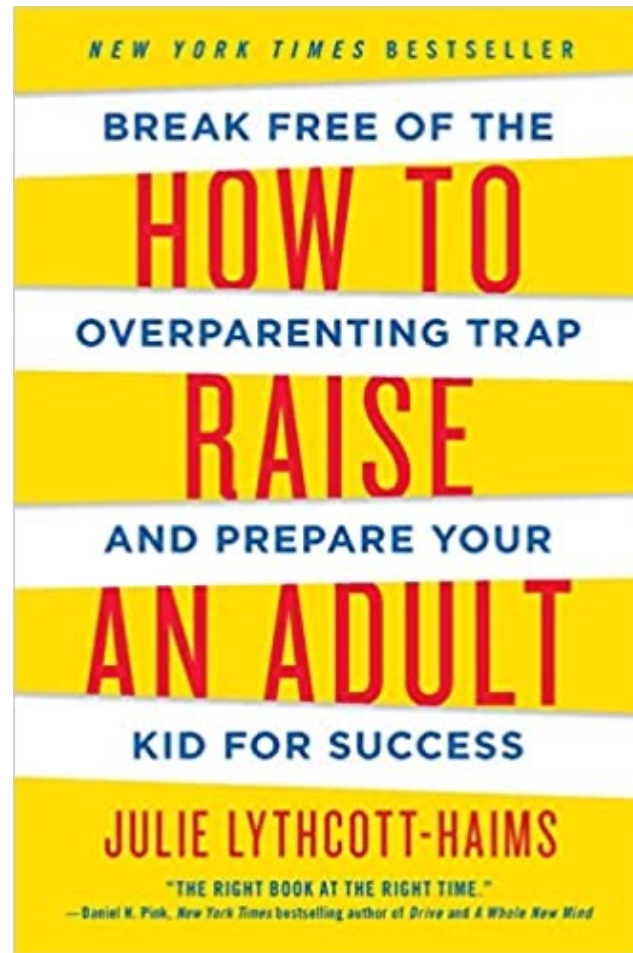
**Academic Planning and  
Counseling** ▼

[Academic Planning Resources Page](#)



Q&A Drop by  
Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> @ lunch

# Parent Book Series



**Part 1:  
Young Alum  
Panel**

**Wednesday,  
February 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ 8:30 am  
Boynton  
Cafe**

A group of people, likely students, are gathered on a stage. In the foreground, a man in a grey suit and a woman in a black dress are smiling and gesturing towards the camera. The background is filled with other people, some wearing hats, all appearing to be at a social event. The text "Thank you for your attention!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Thank you for your attention!**

**Go Eagles!**





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