



## EAST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to begin the process of preparing your eighth-grade students for their transition to East Aurora High School. A crucial step in this process is course selection, which will significantly impact your child's academic journey.

### Course Selection Process:

To ensure a smooth transition, we will be offering presentation sessions to each eighth-grade student on the following dates:

- **January 21, Fred Rodgers**
- **January 22, Waldo**
- **January 23, Simmons**
- **January 24, Cowherd**

During these sessions, counselors will discuss course options, answer questions, and provide guidance to help students make informed decisions.

### A Typical Freshman Schedule:

At the high school we offer a block schedule where classes meet for 90 minutes every other day. A typical freshman schedule will include the following core courses:

- Pre-AP Algebra 1 or Pre-AP Geometry
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP World History and Geography
- Pre-AP English 1
- Physical Education, Marching Band, or NJROTC

Additionally, students may qualify for **Math Boost** or **Reading Intervention** based on their MAP scores. Students will be taking the MAP Exam in January. Please encourage your student to do their best during this test to ensure we match interventions to student needs. Both Math Boost and Reading Intervention programs are designed to provide extra support and help students succeed academically.

### Elective Courses and Synergy:

Most freshmen students will have the opportunity to select an elective course such as art, band, choir, theater, business, applied technology, computer science, NJROTC, culinary, health and human services, and many others. A full list of elective options is available through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/d131catalog>

In addition to the link above the course catalog descriptions are available on Synergy when students begin to select their courses. To access the course selection process and descriptions:

<https://easthigh.d131.org/courseselection/>



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### Future Tomcat Night

We will highlight not only our curriculum but our extra curricular opportunities on January 22. Please plan to join us at 6pm at the high school to learn more about what we have to offer at East Aurora High School.

### Post-High School Plans and Counseling Team:

As you discuss course selections with your child, consider their future goals. Whether they plan to attend college, join the military, or pursue a trade, the courses they choose now can lay the foundation for their future success. Our counseling team is excited to partner with you and your student in the Course Selection and career planning process. Please see the counselor assignments below based on student last name:

**Jayshree Panchal** Students: A - Barajas  
Email: [jpanchal@d131.org](mailto:jpanchal@d131.org)

**Kalie Shekoni** Students: Barba - Carrillo  
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*\*Currently on leave. Check Synergy for substitute counselor assignment.*

**Clare O'Connor** Students: Carrizales - D'Artagnan  
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**Matt Sheahan** Students: Fonseca-Gonzalez  
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**Shinnelle Taylor** Students: Montavo - Ortiz  
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**Kerry Leaf** Students: Rodriguez - Sconyers  
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**Melisa Williams - Rivera** Students: Scott - Varela  
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**Tracy Warwick** Students: Valdez-Z  
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**\*\* = ELL Counselor;** All students in ESL 1 or 2 and some students in ESL 3 will be assigned to an ELL Counselor

We encourage you to talk with your child about their interests, strengths, and long-term aspirations. Together, you can make informed decisions that will set them up for a bright future.

Sincerely,

The East Aurora High School Team